

Report for Parish Councils – February 2018

A1307 Improvements

The final options for improvements to the A1307 have been published and are going out for public consultation as of February 9th. The Mayor of the Combined Authority has indicated he is keen on looking at Rapid Mass Transit options (fast, driver-less buses in essence), which would begin at the A11. Please do make your comments on these as this could be the last opportunity to do so before decisions are made. <https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/>

County Council Budget

The County Council has decided it's budget for the coming year. The main point of interest in that it was unanimously agreed to increase the general council tax by 2.99% and the ring-fenced adult social care budget by 1.99%. The County Council hadn't increased the council tax for the last two years in a row and has suffered as a consequence, having to make cuts to key services, such as children's centres and post-16 transport. In financial terms the increase is £1.14 per week on band D properties.

Garfield Weston Foundation Grant

This is a new funding opportunity for capital funding towards new or improved community facilities in the UK. It's open to registered charities, places of worship and state schools. Details and how to apply can be found here - <https://garfieldweston.org/apply-to-us/>

Cambridge Magistrates Court

The Ministry of Justice has just revealed plans to close the Magistrates' Court on St. Andrew's Street in Cambridge, which serves South Cambs. Some civil matters would be moved to the County Court on East Road, but all minor criminal work would go to Huntingdon and Peterborough Magistrates' Court. The MoJ is running a consultation on the proposal until March 29th, please do add your comments should you have any - <https://consult.justice.gov.uk/digital-communications/cambridge-magistrates-court-proposal-on-future/>

Parking

A gentle reminder that unsociable parking can be reported at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSciphSwVKwXXxZ4CK24OIF5CkGEAgEBGXN4dDaJH-1i6slnA/viewform?c=0&w=1>