



NORTHILL PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



Representing Northill, Upper and Lower
Caldecote, Ickwell, Thorncote, Hatch,
Budna and Bells Brook

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Parish Council Elections are due this May

Would you make a good Parish Councillor?

The Parish Council welcomes applicants for the positions of Parish Councillor. There are twelve positions available. If there are more applicants than positions an election will be held. Electors of the parish can nominate candidates for election provided they meet the required criteria.

Have you ever considered volunteering to become a Parish Councillor? If the answer is no, then you should reconsider. NPC plays a vital role within the Parish of Northill, working towards keeping the Parish an attractive place to live and work in, managing our Village Greens, and other open spaces, churchyards and cemeteries and determining how taxpayers' money is best used to achieve this.

Once elected, parish councillors sit on the council for a maximum of 4 years, attending full council meetings ~every 6 weeks and also participating in Finance and General Purposes and monthly Planning sub committees. The best way to find out what it's like to be a parish councillor is to talk to someone who's doing it now. Come along to a parish council meeting or speak to one of our councillors about what is involved.

For more information and to see whether you are eligible to be a parish councilor please see the Council's website. www.northillparish.co.uk

Timetable for Elections 2019 Nomination papers to be submitted to CBC (Chicksands) by 4pm, on Weds 3rd April

NPC next meets on Thurs 14th March, 7.30pm at Upper Caldecote Methodist Church Hall

RECENT PLANNING MATTERS

Upper Caldecote. The Planning application for 9 bungalows at 140 Biggleswade Road, was withdrawn. A second one for eight 2 bed and 3 bed Chalet style bungalows has been submitted to CBC (CB19/00045/FULL). The Planning Committee considered the application at the February meeting and objected to the proposal. It is yet to be determined by CBC.

Northill The application for 21 dwellings at land between 21 and 39 Thorncote Road, Northill (CB/18/04013/OUT) has yet to be determined by CBC.

Lower Caldecote An application has been submitted to CBC for 4 detached dwellings at Win-soc Garage, Great North Road, Lower Caldecote (CB/19/00253/FULL). This will be considered by the Planning Committee at the meeting to be held on the 5th March.

Tree Work in our Conservation Areas to the Lime tree on Ickwell Green, two Oak trees at Northill Cemetery and the Poplar trees at Northill Green has been carried out. An Oak tree has had to be felled on Ickwell Green, because the main trunk was found to be split. NPC are looking to plant a replacement. There are also concerns about the condition of a Yew tree in Northill Cemetery. The five-year survey of the trees in the parish is due to take place later in this year.

Accommodation Track

The annual inspection of the Accommodation Track will be taking place later this Spring. The contractor will walk around the track with representatives of the Parish Council to determine what work is necessary. A request has been sent to residents asking for the annual donation towards the ring-fenced track maintenance fund. Just a reminder that if any residents who agreed to contribute to the maintenance fund have not yet donated please make the necessary arrangements as detailed in the clerk's letter.

Police Surgery

Come and meet the officers from the Operation Sentinel Rural Crime Team for rural crime prevention advice.

Sunday 10th March 2019, 11:00—13:00

Frosts Garden Centre Car Park, Willington



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING goes to REGULATION 16 at last!

After a 3 month delay, whilst CBC awaited plans from other Parishes, as the Local Planning Authority, they are now required to undertake a publication period to provide an opportunity for all parties to comment on the submitted proposals before the plan goes ahead to Examination. The plan, together with accompanying documents can be found at their website <http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/planning/policy/neighbourhood-planning/consultations.aspx> and hard copies are available to view on request at their office at Priory House, Chicksands.

The consultation commenced on Thursday 14th February and runs for a 6 week period, closing [at 5pm on Friday 29th March](#). They are inviting comments either by email or by post. Please send any comments via email to localplan@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk and any comments via post to:

Local Plan Team,
Central Bedfordshire Council,
Priory House, Chicksands,
Shefford,
BEDS SG17 5TQ

All comments will be passed to an Examiner to be considered. If the Plan is successful at Examination, it will proceed to a referendum to allow residents to vote. If the Plan is successful at referendum, Central Bedfordshire Council will 'make' the Plan part of the development plan for the area and use it during the consideration of planning applications.

If you wish to be informed of the outcome, please let CBC know in your comments.

Stop Press

A decision on the A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet route has been made, for more information visit www.highwaysengland.co.uk/a428

EastWest Rail Link

The Bedford to Cambridge Route Option Consultation is now under way. East West Rail plans to create a new rail connection between Oxford and Cambridge. EWRL claim this will connect communities making it faster, easier and cheaper to travel in the local area, as well as opening up job opportunities, supporting local business and helping the economy to grow. Associated with the link will be new infrastructure and up to a million new homes. However, the environmental aspects and cost/affordability of the project are also to be considered

The Department of Transport and Network Rail have narrowed a range of suggested corridors down to 5 preferred routes, full details of which can be found on the East West Rail website. However, it would appear that the preferred route into Cambridge is from the south, from Shepreth area. The remaining key considerations are therefore where to place stations at Bedford and at Sandy. At Sandy, there are three options, 1) to retain the main-line station, 2) to build a new station either north at Tempsford, or 3) to build a new station south between Sandy and Biggleswade. Building to the south would certainly impact on Northill parish and could also affect the RSPB land. Further east, there are concerns regarding the proximity of three of the routes to Wimpole Hall.

East West Rail have been holding consultation events, the last of which is on Friday March 1st at Sandy Village Hall, Medusa Way, Sandy SG19 1BN.

To have your say at this early stage of development make sure you give your comments by filling in a Feedback Form online, returning by post, writing or emailing before **11.45pm on the 11th March.**

Contact details:

website: eastwestrail.co.uk/haveyoursay

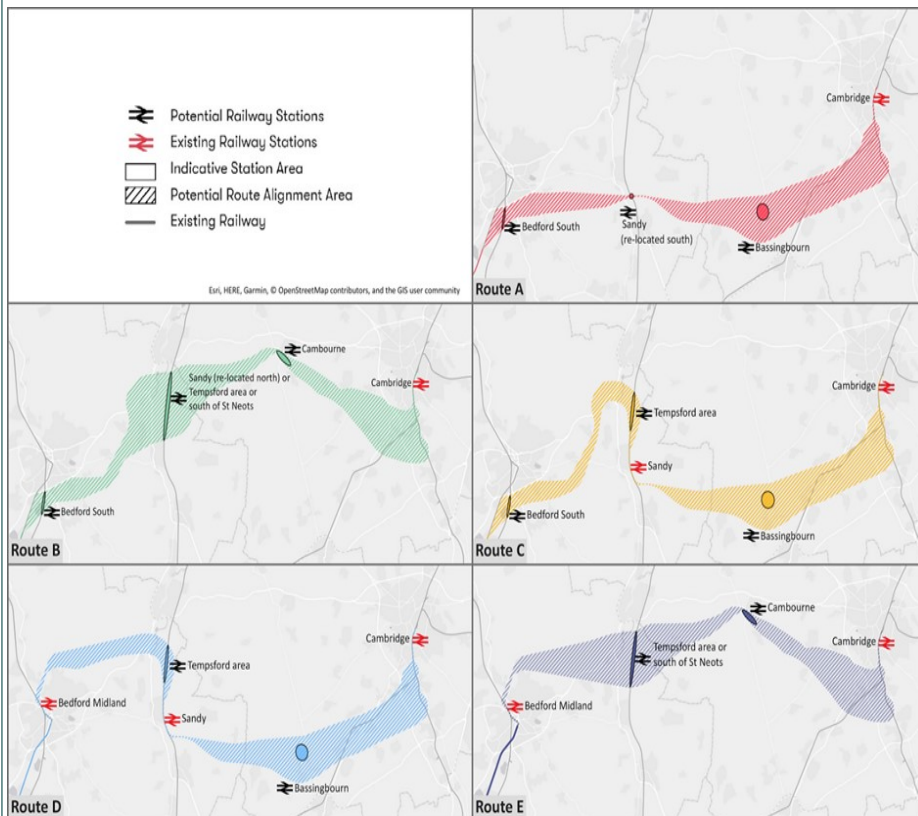
Email: contact@eastestrail.co.uk

write to Freepost EAST WEST RAIL

phone 0330 1340067

Northill Parish Council will determine it's response to these proposals at it's next Planning Committee meeting ,to be held on the 5th March at 5.30pm at Church Hall, Sand Lane, Northill.

The Five Proposed Routes



Shuttleworth Airshow Events 2019

Sunday 5th May, Saturday 18th May (evening), Sunday 2nd June, Saturday 15th June (evening), Sunday 7th July, Saturday 20th July (evening), Sunday 4th August, Saturday 17th August (Flying Proms with fireworks), Sunday 1st September, Sunday 6th October.

As in previous years, Hill Lane will be closed from the G&M Grower roundabout to the Ickwell turn, also Ickwell Road, Footpath 5 and the Sheepwalk bridleway from 17.45-22.00 (Saturday shows), 13.45 –19.00 (Sunday shows) and from 18.45 –21.00 for the Flying Proms. Please note that the road may open earlier depending on the time that the flying element ends.

Annual Parish Meeting

This will be held on Thursday the 28th March at Ickwell Village Hall. This is your chance as a parishioner to come and have a say on any matters in the parish that you are concerned about. Further details will follow shortly -keep an eye on the notice boards and website.

The Bobby Scheme

The Bobby Scheme is a local charity that provides a free service to over 65s and the vulnerable by improving their home security to reduce crime and the fear of crime. The Bobby men are trained lock fitters and crime prevention advisers who offer advice, reassurance and fit a range of security devices to make people feel safer in their own home.

The Bobby Scheme has been running since 1997 and has improved or enhanced the security of over 20,000 homes across Bedfordshire. If you would like a visit from the Bobby Scheme or know someone who would benefit please call 01234-842619 or visit our website at www.bedspolicepartnership.org

Great British Spring Clean 2019

The Great British Spring Clean 2019 takes place between 22 March and the 23 April. Margaret and Wyn Morgan are organising the Spring Clean in the parish and have registered as Northill Parish. The date for the Spring Clean in the Parish will be Saturday the 23 March. They are aiming to get 28 people involved this year. Their front garden will be the pick up and drop off point for sacks starting Friday the 22nd March until Sunday the 24th March. Look out for more information on the village notice boards. If you would like to be involved please contact Margaret or Wyn at Clareford, Warden Road, Ickwell, Beds SG18 9EL
Email smmorgan@btinternet.com or johnwyn.morgan@btinternet.com

Kerbside Garden Waste — This service will recommence from Monday the 4th March.

Contact details for reporting flooding of all types

Is the flood posing a danger to life or injury?

YES

The Fire and Rescue Service
999

NO

Is the flood caused by a main river or a reservoir?

YES

The Environment Agency
0345 988 1188 (24-hrs)
www.environment-agency.gov.uk

NO

Is the flood caused by a sewer, a leak from a water main, or a household storm water drain?

YES

Your water company

Anglian Water: 03457 145 145 (24-hrs)
www.anglianwater.co.uk

Thames Water: 0800 316 9800 (24-hrs)
www.thameswater.co.uk

Affinity Water: 0345 357 2407 (24-hrs)
www.affinitywater.co.uk

NO

Is the flood on a road or caused by a blockage in the roadside drainage?

YES

Central Bedfordshire Council

0300 300 8302 (Office hours)
0300 300 8098 (Out of hours)
www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

OR

Report it online through the highways
'[report a problem page](#)' on our website

NO

Is the flood caused by an ordinary watercourse like a ditch, surface water or groundwater?

YES

floodrisk@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Please note this is not a 24hr contact and should not be used in emergency

OR

Is it about a situation that you think may lead to flooding?

YES

If you know you are in the IDB area you can
contact: 01234 767995 /
contact@idbs.org.uk

