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BOTTISHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - APRIL 2026 **DISCUSSIONS AND ACTIONS**

Administration – We were pleased to announce new staffing including an Assistant to the Council and a new Councillor on boarded. The Parish Council has now concluded the 2025–2026 financial year. The Internal Audit has been completed and documentation submitted to the External Auditor for review.

Transport and Highways - is an area that touches everyone's daily lives — whether it's getting the bus to Cambridge, safer speeds around our village, better drainage, or fighting the eternal battle with potholes! We shared updates on the 20mph scheme, ongoing drainage and enforcement issues, along with our continued communication with the Greater Cambridge Partnership on the Greenway project. Discussion was held around the need/want for speed reduction on Lode Road which unfortunately Cambridge County Council's guidance from the Department for Transport indicates that to establish a village speed limit of 30mph in this location there must at least 20houses on one or both sides of the road and a minimum length of 600m. Parish Council stated that we would continue to push for this change and explained that a Phase 2 of the Greenways is to extend it down Lode Road – if this was to be the case it would be very likely that it would become 20mph.

Environment and Community — the heartbeat of our village life. Discussion was held around the exciting new play areas at Copse Close and the planned new play area in Jubilee Woods. We also discussed the upcoming allotments and explained the unfortunately delay of handover, the success of last year's Christmas event, our new community noticeboard and beautification of The Triangle — it's been a busy and positive year. New staffing including an Assistant to the Council and a new Councillor on boarded. The Council is also starting to prepare for a very different future structure with the new Unitary Authority. Ely and East Cambridgeshire Police provided reports on anti-social behaviour where we had only one reported incident and one report of speeding in the village. The Police encouraged residents to report it on their website and/or via webchat. The Police also encouraged residents to join their Online Community Engagement Event. <https://www.cambs.police.uk/police-forces/cambridgeshireconstabulary/areas/services/web-chat/>

Planning and development - continues to be a key focus for the Parish Council, with a number of important projects and applications currently under way. Our aim is to ensure that any changes to Bottisham are carefully managed, appropriate for our village, and genuinely serve the needs of our community. We discussed and took questions on key developments over the past year, including the proposed New Cemetery, Neighbourhood Plan, lack of update on the retirement village and other planning applications.

Action: Parish Council and Ely and East Cambridgeshire Police will establish a “Coffee with a Cop” on a bi-monthly basis.

Action: To see if residents would like to have a one-hour CPR and defibrillator community training by the East Anglian Air Ambulance. This would be a free to attend event but would like to ask participants to give a donation as EAAA need to raise £8.2m to relocate to Fulbourn area and build a new air base.

Action: Parish Council to investigate if, in conjunction with, supported and trained by Ely and East Cambridgeshire Police residents would like to establish a volunteer village SpeedWatch group.