

Report of County Councillor Matthew Morgan to Teversham Parish Council in the Fulbourn Division, June 2025

I apologise for my absence, due to work commitments to midnight today. Please email: matthew.morgan@cambridgeshire.gov.uk for any further information or clarification.

Teversham Specific and Related:

Newmarket Road traffic signals for Cambridge Eastern Access

Newmarket Road will have temporary traffic lights from June 2nd to Thursday, June 5th, between 9:30 AM and 3:30 PM. This is due to geotechnical work for the Cambridge Eastern Access (CEA) project. Phase I involves the Newmarket Road Park and Ride move and improving cycling and walking infrastructure for Newmarket road. Phase II includes a proposed guided bus through Marshalls Airport Site. As and when this comes to consultation the Parish Council might consider how it can improve connectivity to Teversham.

Footpaths Repairs

Ferndale, Highstreet, Church Road and Lady Jeremy Way are listed and funded for preparatory works in the 2025/26 year for further footpath repairs in the 2026/27 year. I have enquired further about timings.

School Crossing Repainting

The school crossing on Church Road has been listed and funded for repainting in the 2025/26 year. I have enquired further about timings.

Response to Vandalism

I was saddened to hear of the recent vandalism in Teversham Village, and of the continuing antisocial behaviour near Berwick Primary School. I read the Cambridgeshire Police Report kindly circulated about South Cambridgeshire crime statistics as a whole, and it is frustrating to think that reports of antisocial behaviour fell in the area as a whole but there have been issues in Teversham. Please do contact me if there is any way I can help.

County Council Wide:

Joint CQC and Ofsted Rating for SEND Cambridgeshire Local Area Partnership

The SEND Cambridgeshire Local Area Partnership provides services for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). It is jointly commissioned by NHS Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Integrated Care Board and Cambridgeshire County Council, reflecting their overlapping responsibilities.

The inspection in January 2025, reported this month said there was 'Clear and coherent strategy in place' but further improvements were needed. Strengths included good quality occupational therapy and physiotherapy provision and quick access to these services. However, there were significant delays in producing and reviewing Education Health and Care (EHC) Plans, which were often of variable quality. Neurodevelopmental assessments for autism and ADHD were also difficult to access. Communication with parents and schools about available services was also highlighted as an area that needs improving. The Council has committed to a further £920,000 annually to improve EHC plan provision.

Full joint report:<https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50276860>

In response to a question at the last Teversham Parish Council: Cambridgeshire's Schools Budget currently has a predicted £24 million deficit, mostly due to rising SEND costs, against a total council budget of ~£1.2 billion. The accumulated deficit in education now stands at £64 million. This deficit is currently being funded through a "Safety Valve" agreement with the Department for Education, which temporarily waives the deficit until 2026/27. Most councils have similar arrangements. If the accrued deficit is not rolled over or cancelled at the end of this agreement, then the Council is likely to be in the equivalent of bankruptcy (The council is not legally allowed to run a deficit on day-to-day expenditure).

Further information: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dedicated-schools-grant-very-high-deficit-intervention>

Ofsted Report on Adult Learning Services

A recent Ofsted inspection in May 2025 has rated Cambridgeshire County Council's adult learning services as "Good" overall. All areas were rated either "Good" and one was outstanding "Outstanding".

OFSTED noted that learners felt well supported by teachers and noted that most learners engaged very well with the courses. It noted that most learners engaged very well with the courses. The report also noted that "Achievement rates across most courses were consistently high" and that curriculums were well designed.

The report identified three areas for improvement: increasing achievement in functional skills maths at levels 1 and 2, improving feedback to learners, and strengthening careers advice and guidance. Full report: <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50278231>

Council Leader and Deputy Re-elected

Lucy Nethsingha, Liberal Democrat, was re-elected as Leader of the Council, and Lorna Dupré, Liberal Democrat, was newly elected the Deputy Leader of the Council. Alex Beckett was re-elected as chair of the highways and transport committee.

Myself on Highways and Transport Committee, Assets and Procurement Committee

I shall feedback relevant information and zeitgeist to the Parish Council from these committees as and when they start meeting and making decisions pertinent to the Parish Council.