

Monthly report for parish and community councils Jun 2016

For the Cottenham, Histon and Impington (CH&I) county council division of Cambridgeshire which also includes King's Meadow, Oakington & Westwick, Orchard Park and Rampton.

Full Council meeting

There was no regular full council meeting but we had an extra-ordinary one to consider the latest iteration of the devolution offer. Go to <http://wp.me/p7tuu7-10W> for the report of the meeting and to <http://wp.me/p7tuu7-11c> for my latest take on the offer. I don't like the idea of a mayor and I don't think we've fully spelled out what we're going to get.

Committee meetings and other council matters

Adults, Children & Young People, General Purposes and Health: these committees did not meet.

In my role as chair of the Health Committee: I participated in a telephone meeting with the National Audit Office relating to the UnitingCare Partnership debacle; I attended a Health & Wellbeing Board development meeting; I met the Addenbrooke's CEO as a part of the Health Committee's ongoing liaison with the key players in the local health economy; and I attended the East of England LGA Health lead members meeting

Assets and Investments: this committee met but made no key decisions. It approved its terms of reference and I ensure that these included an obligation to liaise with parish councils at an early stage when it was bringing developments forward.

Economy & Environment: the committee met. There were two key decisions on the agenda. One related to the use of section 106 funds in St Neots and Ramsey and the other to a Stagecoach proposal regarding funding of the operations of the Guided Bus. The Stagecoach proposal, no parking charge but increased bus fares and no concessionary travel, was rejected but it was decided to investigate other options.

A new Rights of Way Improvement Plan has been adopted. Go to <http://bit.ly/29f2TaO>. There's a useful link to an interactive map: <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/rightsofway>.

Highways & Community Infrastructure: the committee met and there was one key decision viz a framework agreement for the procurement of Intelligent Transport Systems (that's 'traffic signal control equipment including pedestrian crossings' to you and me).

The Planning Committee met but there were no items on the agenda of direct relevance to CH&I.

The Greater Cambridge City Deal Joint Assembly and the Greater Cambridge City Deal Executive Board met. The former considered and the latter and approved the 'do max' option for Histon Road.

The Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Police and Crime Panel both met and confirmed the appointment of the new Commissioner and the arrangements for his deputy.

Consultations relevant to this division

The satisfaction survey relating to Cambridgeshire's children's centres continues and will run until 29 Jul. It aims to find out how satisfied parents, carers, childminders and other service users are with services being provided by them.

There's a new SEND SS 2016 Parent Carer Survey. CCC is consulting a random sample of parents and carers who have used its service in the last 12 months. That runs until 29 Jul 16.

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There's also a Parents' Survey about extending the free childcare provision for working parents running until 31 Jul 16.

Finally the audit of governing body effectiveness (<http://bit.ly/1r6eCiv>) continues until 31 Aug. The aim of the audit is to aid governing bodies in evaluating their practice and to provide county wide information on governance. There's a related survey for schools to complete. This runs until 14 Oct .

Apologies but the CCC web-site has been 'improved' and many (all?) of the links related to consultation appear to be broken. I don't have links for the new consultations.

Note that there is going to be a big consultation on the devolution proposal. This will run until mid-August. I saw the first draft and it was not good, a view shared by colleagues from other parties. It's intended to get this consultation out in the first week of July.

More local matters

I have picked up news about irrational pot-hole filling policy/behaviour in Oakington. It appears that crews are told to only fill holes that meet certain criteria and to ignore others close by. This despite the Council having twice as much money to spend on pothole filling this year as it had last year.

I attended the first meeting of the Local Liaison Forum for the City Deal developments along Histon Road and lobbied successfully to be allowed to attend as an interested councillor.

I attended the Histon patch police panel. I was impressed to see that it is streamed live to the web.

I met the senior Adult Social Care officer to explore options for Histon & Impington to participate in its Buurstzorg pilot.

Diary (next public meetings)

7 Jul	1000	Greater Cambridge City Deal Assembly	South Cambs, Cambourne
14 Jul	1000	*Economy & Environment Committee	Share Hall, Cambridge
22 Jul	1430	Greater Cambridge City Deal Executive Board	Meadows Community Centre
21 Jul	1000	Planning Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
7 Sep	1400	Cambridgeshire Police & Crime Panel	Peterborough Town Hall
7 Jul	1400	Adults and Wellbeing Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
12 Jul	1000	Highways & Community Infrastructure	Share Hall, Cambridge
12 Jul	1400	Children and Young People Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
14 Jul	1400	*Health Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
22 Jul	1000	*Assets & Investments Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
19 Jul	1030	Full Council	Shire Hall, Cambridge
26 Jul	1400	*General Purposes Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
7 Jul	1000	*Health & Wellbeing Board	Fenland Hall, March

*committees of which I am a member; note these may change. I am Chair of the Health Com.

And finally ... I guess the big news items of the month have been the referendum nationally and devolution locally but there have been a couple of good news developments to make everyone smile. The first was the story of Marcus Willis (made even better by hearing that he's turned down £15K from the Sun). The second of course was Wales' victory over Belgium in the European Nations Cup. It was good to see how Gareth Bale doesn't just star. He also lifts the rest of the team.