

Monthly report for parish and community councils April 2017

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 council meeting in April in March. In fact there wasn't much business at all during the month because of the impending election and purdah rules clicking in. It's indicative of the extent that the Council's activity reduces in the month before an election that only five press releases were issued during April.

Committee meetings and other council matters

None of the Council's policy making committees met during April.

Note that there was a special meeting of the Health & Well Being Board. It was supposed to agree a process to finalise plans for the use of the Better Care Fund in 2017-19. Unfortunately the national planning guidance for the Better Care Fund has still not been released so this meeting became purely one of talking about what priorities might be when the money comes along.

Planning: there were no items on the agenda relating to Cottenham, Histon & Impington.

There were no meetings of the City Deal Joint Executive Board, the Greater Cambridge City Deal Assembly, the Cambridgeshire Police & Crime Panel or the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Fire Authority.

The Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority met again for (yet) another largely procedural meeting.

Consultations relevant to this division

| Consultation | Purpose | Due date and link |
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| There are no current CCC consultations | | |

More local matters

I met officers and parish councillors to move Histon & Impington's 2015/16 Local Highways Initiative bids forward. They seemed to have become dormant.

I attended briefings on Stagecoach's new guided bus timetable for services which will serve the new station and on plans for improvements to the Liverpool Street rail service. Timetables have been published for trains at Cambridge North station.

The Rampton speed bump issue continues and is now one of three where residents are campaigning for bumps outside their properties to be removed.

OfStEd inspected Orchard Park Primary School and gave it a 'good' rating.

There have been road works and lights controlled operations in Histon twice during the month. It's notable that neither resulted in the difficulties encountered when there were lights in the High Street earlier in the year. This time the undertakers managed the lights better and seemed to finish their work more quickly. Well done!

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Diary (next public meetings)

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| 23 May | 1330 | Full Council | Shire Hall, Cambridge |
| 26 May | 1000 | *Assets & Investments Committee | Shire Hall, Cambridge |
| 30 May | 1000 | Highways & Community Infrastructure | Shire Hall, Cambridge |
| 31 May | 1000 | C&P Combined Authority | to be confirmed |
| 1 Jun | 1000 | *Economy & Environment Committee | Share Hall, Cambridge |
| 1 Jun | 1400 | Adults and Wellbeing Committee | Shire Hall, Cambridge |
| 1 Jun | 1000 | *Health & Wellbeing Board | SCDC offices, Cambourne |
| 6 Jun | 1400 | Children and Young People Committee | Shire Hall, Cambridge |
| 6 Jun | 1400 | *General Purposes Committee | Shire Hall, Cambridge |
| 7 Jun | 1000 | Greater Cambridge City Deal Assembly | SCDC offices, Cambourne |
| 8 Jun | 1000 | Planning Committee | Shire Hall, Cambridge |
| 8 Jun | 1400 | *Health Committee | Shire Hall, Cambridge |
| 14 Jun | 1400 | Cambridgeshire Police & Crime Panel | Peterborough Town Hall |
| 15 Jun | 1430 | Greater Cambridge City Deal Executive Board | Guildhall, Cambridge |
| 15 Jun | 1400 | Cambridgeshire Fire Authority | Hinchingbrooke Park |

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

And finally ... this may of course be my last monthly report. If so I hope that you have appreciated receiving them and found them valuable in giving you updates on what I am doing and what's happening in Shire Hall. I've delivered a monthly report without a break back to January 2006.

And ... whatever happens next Thursday I'd like to thank you all for your support and feedback over the last 4 years. It's been a privilege representing you and I trust that I have done a decent job. However I am optimistic and responses on the door step have been positive so maybe I will be publishing another monthly report next month.

Whatever happens next Thursday this will be my last report covering Cottenham, Oakington & Westwick, and Rampton. Because of boundary changes the current two-member division of Cottenham, Histon & Impington will be no more. I have enjoyed working outside my home patch and thank the three parish councils especially for the challenges which they given to me and for the warm welcomes they've always extended to me when I've attended their meetings.