

Monthly report for parish and community councils May 2018

For the Histon and Impington (H&I) county council division of Cambridgeshire which also includes King's Meadow and Orchard Park.

Full Council meeting

Full Council met and in addition to the usual admin stuff for the start of a new council there was one significant item viz Location of New Council Headquarters. Council voted to move to Alconbury Weald. As far as I'm concerned this was a bad decision, it has been taken too soon and it's based on too much flaky data. Go to wp.me/p7tuu7-1O8 and wp.me/p7tuu7-1Og for my view.

Committee meetings and other council matters

Adults: there were no key decisions. Elsewhere on the agenda it approved the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough (C&P) dementia strategic plan

Children & Young People: there were no key decisions

General Purpose: there were three key decisions. In the first it agreed to fund the Ely Southern Bypass funding shortfall. This is a bit of a scandal because councillors pressured officers to accelerate the program at risk and with no contingency. Go to wp.me/p7tuu7-1Nr and wp.me/p7tuu7-1Oj for my take. The other two related to the re-procurement of the Cambridgeshire Public Service Network and spending an extra £2.74 million on the Children's Services IT system

Health: there were no key decisions. In its scrutiny role it met the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group to review its progress in closing its budget gap. It's not easy!

Highways & Community Infrastructure: this committee did not meet. That's the second month in a row that the committee responsible for the maintenance of our roads has not met.

Commercial & Investment: there were no key decisions. Thankfully the committee did not go into private session but sadly voted for handing over assets to This Land without democratic oversight.

Environment & Economy: there were two key decisions viz re-procuring the Cambridgeshire Archaeological Services and endorsing the Wisbech access strategy (which includes a rail connection)

Communities & Partnerships: there were no key decisions. Note that there is now no Area Champion for South Cambs which means that individual councillors will once again have to fill this role.

Planning: this committee approved the Histon Junior School expansion. For full details go to <https://bit.ly/2sAM183>. The approval includes multiple conditions including the one relating to improvements to the pavement on the east side of Station Road.

Health & Well Being Board: the Board met and reviewed the C&P dementia strategic plan (as above).

The Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority (CA) met and is beginning to flex its muscles. It's clear that the Mayor and the CA would like to subsume the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) much as they did the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP). In this meeting it laid out its 4 year plan which encompasses several ambitious transport schemes (including the CAM metro and, worryingly, and extension of the M11 northwards to Wisbech) and began to consider the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Economic Review (CPIER).

Neither the Greater Cambridge Partnership Assembly nor the Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board met.

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Neither the Cambridgeshire Police & Crime Panel nor the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Fire Authority met. Note that neither minutes nor a decision summary from the March meeting of the former have yet been posted.

Consultations relevant to this division

Consultation	Purpose	Due date and link
Young people's substance misuse	to seek views regarding the effectiveness of the current approach to gather ideas about new models of service if changes are needed	24 Jun 18 https://bit.ly/2sAlvdW
Emerging Minerals and Waste Local Plan	to seek views of the community, organisations, statutory bodies and other interested parties about the current draft plan.	26 Jun 18 https://bit.ly/2kII52E
Histon road bus, cycle and footpath measures	to seek views about the proposals to improve bus flows, cycle safety and pedestrian access.	2 Jul 18 https://bit.ly/2kLngmg

More local matters

I joined other parish and district councillors in supporting the King's Meadow litter pick.

I met county officers to review parking options at Orchard Park

I joined the first meeting of the Orchard Park community development group set up by the Community Council and the Police to address low level crime and anti-social behaviour

I met county officers to review plans for the new school at Buxhall Farm and attended a broader briefing with the architects and parish councillors

I attended the GCP's Histon Road consultation event. Please note the above reference to it online.

I joined a county officer to understand the need for road works in King's Meadow. A powerline it being laid to bring electricity to Darwin Green.

I met the H&I older people's co-ordinator to review options for the delivery of a program involving IVC students to support older people in their IT use.

I 'chaired' two meetings of the A14 core group. There is progress with respect to engagement with Highways England and the A14 Delivery Group and with South Cambs but there's still a way to go.

And finally May does seem to be a month that marks the divide between the winter and a fitful spring and the summer. For me it's increasingly marking the end of a little frenetic election activity (please let's not have any more elections for a while), it includes a week away (Sardinia this year, go to <https://flic.kr/s/aHsmiBCBGe> for a few photos), the FA cup final and the first test matches, and it ends with the H&I Flaming June half marathon where I was on marshal duty this morning. Looking forward we've got the three 'summer months' of June, July and August and maybe a bonus in September. That means more cricket, lots of alfresco dining, complaints about the heat and opportunities to enjoy the events which characterise life in our summer. And this year we've got the 'bonus' of the football world cup to set it all off later in June and will seem to go on for ever until the final mid July.

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Diary (next public meetings)

7 Jun	1000	Planning Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
12 Jun	1000	*Highways & Community Infrastructure	Shire Hall, Cambridge
12 Jun	1400	Children and Young People Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
13 Jun	1400	Cambridgeshire Police & Crime Panel	Peterborough Town Hall
14 Jun	1400	*Health Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
14 Jun	1400	Greater Cambridge Partnership Assembly	Shire Hall, Cambridge
21 Jun	1400	Cambridgeshire Fire Authority	Hinchingbrooke Park
22 Jun	1000	*Commercial & Investments Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
27 Jun	1000	C&P Combined Authority	Guildhall, Cambridge
4 Jul	1600	Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board	SCDC offices, Cambourne
5 Jul	1000	Communities & Partnership	Shire Hall, Cambridge
12 Jul	1000	Economy & Environment Committee	Share Hall, Cambridge
17 Jul	1030	Full Council	Shire Hall, Cambridge
19 Jul	1400	Adults and Wellbeing Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
24 Jul	1000	*General Purposes Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
26 Jul	1000	Health & Wellbeing Board	Shire Hall, Cambridge

*committees of which I am currently a member; these may change. Note that the Council's diary is now online https://cmis.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/ccc_live/Meetings.aspx. Shaded dates are reserve.