

County councillor's monthly report for Aug 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

No Full Council meeting and, as would be expected a quiet month in terms of meetings but quite some activity elsewhere.

Committee meetings and other council matters

The Adults, Children & Young People, Commercial & Investment, Communities & Partnerships, General Purpose, Health and Highways & Community Infrastructure committees did not meet.

Environment & Economy: there was one key decision at this sole committee meeting of the month viz to give approval to procure several Combined Authority transport projects. These are projects agreed at the CA board earlier and to some extent this is just CCC doing as it's told. Of interest to H&I though is the M11 extension study as this is bound to need more road building and it's difficult to see where it's going to go

Planning: the committee did not meet but there are to be two meetings in September including one just for the Waterbeach energy from waste project on Mon 17 Sep 18. Note that it had been proposed to move this to Cambourne because the chamber there would be more suitable for a well attended meeting in public. However it has been pointed out that access to Cambourne is not good so the meeting will stay in Shire Hall. If the public reckons that Cambourne is inaccessible what will it think of Alconbury?

Health & Well Being Board: did not meet

The Greater Cambridge Partnership and the Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board did not meet.

The Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority did not meet. However the CA was much in the news firstly with the appointment mid-month of an East Cambs district and county councillor to an executive position and secondly with the emergence at the end of the month that the Chief Exec was on gardening leave with an interim replacement being appointed.

The Cambridgeshire Police & Crime Panel and the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Fire Authority did not meet.

Consultations relevant to this division (and elsewhere)

Consultation	Purpose	Due date and link
There do not appear to be any active consultations		

More local matters

I continued to chair meetings of the A14 action group. I also met The A14 people responsible for setting up and policing diversions (go to <https://wp.me/p9Xyh5-38> for my review of this issue), I joined others in a visit to the new Milton site and facilitated a meeting between the A14 chief and two particularly aggrieved (justifiably so) residents. Furthermore I met Public Health officers to

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review air pollution concerns and Highways officers to begin to address the mismatch between A14 and GCP views of the future.

I met county officers to ensure that there were no misunderstandings regarding options for and the future of Histon library.

I met county officers and parish council officers and councillors to review plans for the B1049 junction.

I attended Orchard Park Community Council to support the Chair's proposal to set up a traders' association. New councillors have volunteered to join a working group which will meet this week.

And finally ... the summer seems to have gone on for ever and during August we were blessed at home by a visit from Number 1 son who lives in Australia. I drove him back to Heathrow 1 Sep 18. It's not a drive I do often now but I noticed firstly the housing development, including a goodly number of affordables, on the right as you head into Harston and then the apparent recent demise of three pubs (one more recently an Indian restaurant) along the High Street. Surely it's wrong when we get housing but lose the social facilities which enable people to live full and engaging lives. I don't see any evidence of any new shops either although there seem to be a number of properties which have been converted into offices. When we talk about sustainable development we need to be mindful that there are three dimensions to this: environmental, social and commercial. It doesn't seem to me that Harston's development is sustainable.

Diary (next public meetings)

6 Sep	1000	Planning Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
6 Sep	1400	Adults Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
11 Sep	1000	*Highways & Community Infrastructure	Shire Hall, Cambridge
11 Sep	1400	Children and Young People Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
12 Sep	1400	Cambridgeshire Police & Crime Panel	Peterborough Town Hall
13 Sep	1000	Economy & Environment Committee	Share Hall, Cambridge
13 Sep	1400	*Health Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
14 Sep	1000	*Commercial & Investments Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
17 Sep	1000	Planning Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
20 Sep	1000	*General Purposes Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
20 Sep	1000	Health & Wellbeing Board	Shire Hall, Cambridge
20 Sep	1400	Greater Cambridge Partnership Assembly	Shire Hall, Cambridge
26 Sep	1000	C&P Combined Authority	Guildhall, Cambridge
27 Sep	1000	Communities & Partnership	Shire Hall, Cambridge
11 Oct	1600	Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board	SCDC offices, Cambourne
16 Oct	1030	Full Council	Shire Hall, Cambridge
1 Nov	1400	Cambridgeshire Fire Authority	Hinchingbrooke Park

*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.