

## **Joint District Councillor's Report May 2019**

District councillors' monthly report for the communities of Histon & Impington, Orchard Park and King's Meadow.

Your Councillors are always ready to help. If you have any questions about these - or indeed any other - matters, please do not hesitate to contact us. Councillor Steve Hunt is on 01223 455180 or [Cllr.HuntS@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.HuntS@scambs.gov.uk), Councillor Martin Cahn is on 07826 748407 or [Cllr.Cahn@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.Cahn@scambs.gov.uk), Councillor Pippa Heylings is on 07837 228416 or [Cllr.Heylings@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.Heylings@scambs.gov.uk). You can also follow your councillors on our webpage <http://hiopcouncillors.org>, on Twitter @pippa4hiop, and on Facebook @pippaheylings4hiop

### **District Council Annual Meeting**

South Cambridgeshire District Council held its Annual Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> May.

The main business of the meeting was to elect chairman and vice-chairman and to confirm cabinet and committee appointments. The majority of posts continue to be occupied by the incumbents.

The details of this can be seen in the minutes and decisions, available here:

<http://scambs.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=410&MId=7497&Ver=4>

There have been some tweaks to Cabinet roles. The role of Deputy Leader has been split between two councillors. Cllr Neil Gough becomes Deputy Leader. The former deputy leader, Cllr Aidan Van de Weyer, becomes Deputy Leader (Statutory) and Lead Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Transport. This change emphasises the importance of the significant transport and infrastructure developments that are in the pipeline. Cllr Bill Handley has joined Cabinet as Lead Member for Environmental Services and Licensing, taking this over from Cllr Gough.

In light of continuing uncertainty over the process of leaving the European Union, it was announced that the Brexit Advisory Group will be reconvened to continue to support businesses and residents as they make preparations.

### **Impington Lane appeal**

The developer proposing the development of land to the north of Impington Lane near Merrington Place has successfully appealed against the Council for non-determination. This is disappointing news but not unexpected given the history of the case.

### **Bike thefts at Cambridge North**

Residents have suffered thefts and vandalism while their bikes were parked at Cambridge North station. We have been in contact with the Cambridge Cycling Campaign who confirm that they receive many such reports. They are happy to be informed about any bike crime because it helps them to build up a case for improvements to security and policing. An improvement made fairly recently was to replace the bolts that fix the conventional (Sheffield) cycle racks with security bolts that can't be easily undone. The Cycling Campaign's recommendation is to use this type of stand in preference to the dual-level ones which are vulnerable to brute-force attack. However recent thefts have been by 'professional' thieves who use specialised equipment to remove even quite powerful locks, so supervision would seem important. There is CCTV covering the parking area but footage is not watched as a matter of course, so letting the police know the approximate time of any theft or

damage will enable them to inspect the video. Cambridge North (unlike the central station) is policed by British Transport Police and it is important to report any theft, vandalism or attempted theft to them. British Transport Police have successfully apprehended thieves based on CCTV footage.

Cambridge North has been a great boost to our public transport options and we're obviously keen that people feel confident to leave a bike there rather than driving to the station. Please do get in touch if you have any thoughts on the matter.

## Environmental Health

Following requests from the Parish and Community Councils, we are following up various questions related to Environmental Health. Topics include maintenance of drainage ditches, street sweeping, bin collections and the effectiveness of emergency out-of-hours reporting and response. We will update you when we have some concrete answers.

## Police Station

There is a proposal to relocate the Police Station from Parkside to a new site next to Milton Park and Ride. The chief justification for this is that the city centre police station is old and no longer fit for purpose, in particular with regard for sufficient number of overnight detention cells.

The plans may be viewed here: <https://s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/media.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/uploads/2019/06/Cambs-Police-Update-2.pdf>

The Police and Crime Commissioner will be available to talk to the public and present the plans in venues across Cambridge on the following dates:

Friday 14th June, from 11.30am in the Milton Tesco store, in Milton, Cambridge

Thursday 20th June, from 11.00am at Sainsbury's, Coldham's Lane, Cambridge

Thursday 27th June, from 2.30pm at Asda, Beehive Centre, Coldham's Lane, Cambridge

There is a survey to give your views. It is open until Friday 5th July:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CCZK7CM>

## Meadows Centre Redevelopment

The community consultation on the proposed redevelopment has finished. A major concern to many residents – both of the immediate neighbourhood and further afield - is the impact on St Albans Recreational Ground, which is a well-used and much-needed open space. It is proposed to provide about 75 affordable houses on the site in addition to a new community centre, but about 15% of the recreation area and some mature trees will be lost. A follow-up consultation on the open space proposals has been launched which aims to get additional feedback on this.

Councillor Cahn (together with Parish Councillor Cahn) met a local action group that has been formed on May 11<sup>th</sup> 2019.

A further meeting has been called by local residents in the community centre on 20<sup>th</sup> June at 5.30 p.m.

You can view the site plans and download the comment form at the link below. The page doesn't make it clear what the deadline for comments is.

<https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/consultations/meadows-centre-and-buchan-street-consultation>

## Neighbourhood Plan

Histon & Impington Parish Council submitted its Neighbourhood Plan application to SCDC on 3<sup>rd</sup> June. SCDC will run a 6-week consultation on the submitted plan which starts the formal examination process. An independent examiner is employed by our Council to carry out the examination of the plan. The procurement process to find an appropriate examiner has started.

We expect to start the consultation on 19 June until 31 July 2019 (dates TBC) and anticipate running the consultation on the Histon & Impington Village Design Statement SPD alongside that of the neighbourhood plan.

Although we, as the local planning authority, are responsible for carrying out the consultation, we are also able to submit our own response to the Plan during this time. At the end of the consultation we will send all the representations received including our own response to the examiner who will consider them all. The examiners task is to test the neighbourhood plan against the basic conditions that are set out in national regulations.

## Appointments during May

7 May	Planning Site Visits	Various
7 May	Climate and Environment Cttee	Cambourne
8 May	Planning Committee	Cambourne
8 May	Orchard Park Community Council	Orchard Park
10 May	ICT Working Group Meeting	Cambourne
13 May	Planning Committee Extraordinary Meeting	Cambourne
16 May	SCDC Annual Meeting	Cambourne
19 May	H&I Annual Parish Meeting	Impington
21 May	Scrutiny and Overview Committee	Cambourne

## Appointments during June

4 June	Civic Affairs Committee	Cambourne
11 June	Planning Committee Site Visits	Duxford
12 June	Planning Committee	Cambourne
13 June	Scrutiny and Overview Committee	Cambourne
17 June	H&I Parish Council	Impington
18 June	Launch of Future Parks accelerator fund	Hinchingbrooke
19 June	Cambridge Fringes JDCC (SH)	Guildhall
22 June	County Council LD briefing conference	Histon BC
25 June	Tree advisory meeting	Cambridge

28 June	Planning Committee Extraordinary Meeting	Cambourne
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