

**HISTON & IMPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>Council</b>	<b>12 Oct 14</b>
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**Chair's Report****Purpose**

1. To update Council on Chairman's recent activities and other matters for the period from 15 Sep 14.

**Meetings/Tasks/Activity**

1. I attended the official 'opening' of the Homefield Park gates. This was a first class event and gave the Park, the Gates and the PC much valuable publicity. The Cambridge News gave us good coverage.
2. I was briefed by Ken Hart, owner of the Histon Station building, and Ben Oughton (his advisor) on their plans for the development of the site. I subsequently briefed Marcus and Denis.
3. Angela and I met a duty manager at the Co-Op to discuss the recent damage to one of the bollards on the Green. We have asked for a meeting with the appropriate manager so that we can agree necessary actions to prevent recurrence.
4. I met the Area Manager for Enterprise following the car-transporter incident earlier in the month. Enterprise has since suspended direct deliveries to Histon until it can better control the timing of them.
5. I met Caroline and Ben Chivers, management at Chivers Farms, to explore options for more public access to the estate. There was good news and bad news.

I attended other meetings as shown on the Council's meeting calendar.

**Related meetings as a county councillor (of direct relevance to H&I Parish Council)**

1. I attended the Environment and Economy Committee meeting at which there was an 'update' on the A14 developments. I asked for more clarity regarding plans for 'noise mitigation' and 'floods and water' (<http://bit.ly/1uBoEbl>).
2. I attended a meeting of the Northstowe Joint Development Committee. It was due for a final sign-off of junction plans for phase 1. I abstained because we'd been given insufficient information (<http://bit.ly/1nL8zOk>).
3. I attended, as a substitute, a meeting of the General Purposes Committee. The details about the Guided Bus technical problems at last entered the public domain. The Committee agreed to go down the legal route (cost £5million) to enable to claim the cost of repairs (£30million) back from BAMNuttall.
4. I attended a meeting with County Officers about school capacity planning. I asked about places at Histon Infants School for 2015. The Officers confirmed their intention to enable all applicants from within the villages to be accommodated.
5. I attended a workshop on the City Deal. I was encouraged to see that the relevant maps now do include the B1049 and Vision Park! Probable project for phase 1 will be 'Histon Road bus measures' which should also include a safer cycling environment especially north of the Gilbert Road lights.

**Currently planned activity** (from 12 Oct 14 up until the Oct council meeting)

1. Monday 13 Oct 14: I will be meeting Denis and County and South Cambs Officers regarding drainage especially the outflow from the Green
2. Tuesday 14 Oct 14: I will be meeting the deputy head of the Infants School regarding morning school run traffic issues
3. Thursday 16 Oct 14: Denis and I will be meeting County Officers to review opportunities for open access wifi on the Green and other public places.

I shall be attending other meetings as shown on the Council's meetings calendar.

**Issues**

1. Bishop's site

Still no news. What is going on? Is no news good news?

2. Station

See above.

3. Neighbourhood plan

The Neighbourhood Plan team has met twice and had worked out a top 10 list of community themes. A copy will be given out at the council meeting and councillors are asked to comment. The steering committee team is 90% complete

There will be an open PC/NP steering committee meeting 30 Oct 14.

4. Cross council communications

The meeting in July was cordial and generally well received. It is intended to repeat it in November. The likely date is Thursday, 27 Nov 14.

5. Lights on the Green

This has proven to be difficult. Balfour Beatty/CCC finally gave us 4 options but required us to accept responsibility for 3 of them. I have said that such a decision needs full council to OK and for that we need more data. I spoke to BB Wednesday and have been promised that it will be forthcoming.

6. Flooding

The events of August were a big surprise and raised many issues which the Drainage Task Force is addressing. Although the County Council response was excellent on the days there are serious questions about the quality of its maintenance activity. It's also apparent that such events will recur and we need plans to be able to respond to them better in the future.