

**HISTON & IMPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>Council</b>	<b>10 Sep 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 21 Jun 14.

**Meetings/Tasks/Activity**

1. I participated in an informal meeting with chairs and their representatives of neighbouring parish councils.
2. I joined David L for a meeting with County Officers relating to the StAC and Station Road projects.
3. I had several meetings with Jonathan Polley regarding the Neighbourhood Plan
4. I was interviewed (twice) by BBC radio Cambridgeshire regarding flooding in the village
5. I joined Denis and Marcus for a 'COBRA meeting' regarding the Glebe Way flooding
6. I met Derek and Pene (twice) relating to the plans for new street lights on the Green; we subsequently met County Officers and Balfour Beatty.
7. I met Lesley Birch (exec head at the Junior School) to address a number of issues including the TRO relating to the access road and projected 2015 admissions at the Infants School
8. I participated in meetings with Angela, Chelsea and Denis and South Cambs officers relating to the Neighbourhood Plan.
9. I joined Jo in a meeting with Alison Turnbull regarding publicity for the Homefield park gates event.

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 a confidential meeting regarding Guided Bus defects
2. I was interviewed by a University College, London student in connection with his research into the impact of the Guided Bus on local property values
3. I met County Officers to talk about the future of the 110 subsidised bus service to Ely
4. I joined Cottenham parish councillors for a meeting with Cottenham Skips regarding chips and other debris on the Histon-Cottenham cycle path.

**Currently planned activity** (from 11 Jul 14 up until the Jul council meeting)

1. Thursday 11 Sep 14: I will be meeting David L and County Officers regarding highways schemes including this year's Minor Highways bid
2. Thursday 11 Sep 14: I will be meeting County Officers and the Police to discuss crime at the Guided Bus stop
3. Thursday 11 Sep 14: I shall be meeting County Officers for a preview of their conclusions following August's floods.

4. Monday 15 Sep 14: I shall be meeting County Officers regarding gully cleaning and its quality control (or lack of as the case may be)

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

**Issues**

1. Bishop's site

Our response to the appeal has gone in. Now we just wait and trust that the inspector makes the right decision. We are still waiting

2. Station

We have been advised that the owner of the Histon station building has consulted architects and will shortly be able to share them informally with the council

3. Neighbourhood plan

A paper with a proposed approach going forward is being presented at the meeting

4. Cross council communications

The meeting in July was cordial and generally well received. It is intended to repeat it in November

5. Lights on the Green

A final list of five options has been reduced to two. Balfour Beatty has agreed to test the feasibility of one of these, the other has already been proven OK, and we have committed to giving them a final choice within one week of that being communicated to us.

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.