

County councillor's monthly report for August 2019

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

As expected: a quiet month (which has included the first week of September) with precious little committee action.

Full Council meeting

There was no meeting. The next one is in October.

Committee meetings and other council matters

Adults, Children & Young People, General Purposes, Highways & Infrastructure, Commercial & Investment, Planning: these committees did not meet.

Economy & Environment: the committee met in Whittlesey to consider how the King's Dyke level crossing closure project should be taken forward. This is another project beset by a cost overrun and it was agreed to ditch the current contractor and to use an OJEU process to find a new one.

Health: meeting was scheduled but no documents are available so I can only presume that it did not take place.

Communities & Partnerships: this committee met (it always does), there were no key decisions (there never are) but it had one secret item on the agenda relating to Adult Learning & Skills which will now be funded by the Combined Authority which has a very specific agenda.

Neither the Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive nor the Assembly met.

Neither the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority nor any of its committees met.

The Health & Well Being Board Core joint sub-committee met for the first time and agreed five workstreams for the sub-committee. I note that this sub-committee appears to take on the work of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Health & Well-Being Boards and that there are only two elected councillors (one from each authority) on it.

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

Consultations relevant to this division (and elsewhere)

Consultation	Purpose/object	Due date and link
There are two current consultations but have no relevance to Histon & Impington.		

More local matters

The closure of the busway cycle path and of the southbound approach to the B1049/A14 roundabout continued to be a cause of much annoyance. Despite management insistence that it would happen the promised on-road cycle lane has never materialised. However there has been some improvement to signage.

To their credit both County Highways and the A14 people delivered on promises to ensure that the Strawberry 50 and 12 cycle events to take place 1 Sep 19. The cycle path along the Busway has now reopened however it will be closed again in October.

I attended a meeting with South Cambs and the A14 to review landscaping plans for the A14 work.

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As a follow up to the approval of the Buxhall Farm Primary School planning application I met with officers and residents of Garden Walk to review drainage plans.

I met county officers and parish councillors to consider plans for mobile library provision whilst the School Hill site is redeveloped.

I joined South Cambs district councillors and officers from British Transport Police at a cycle security event at Cambridge North Station.

I met the new managing director of Stagecoach together with Andrew Chan, Orchard Park Community Council chair.

I met the Communications Director of the A14 delivery group to continue to make the case for a more comprehensive 'greening' of the crib wall at the end of Cambridge Road.

And finally ... I thought I was going to report on an excellent few days I'd had in Wales during the month but the events of the last week are ones that I feel I must share. On the Tuesday I was due to fly to Spain on business but had an appointment with a cardiac consultant in Addenbrookes in the morning. Nice and convenient I thought, it's on the way to the airport. Problem was the excellent Dr Krishnan decided that I was at risk of a heart attack and arm wrestled me into agreeing to be admitted. That put me in position so that I could be transferred to Royal Papworth on the Thursday for an angiogram and the subsequent fitting of a stent. Apart from the fact that I consider myself incredibly lucky it also made me thankful for what the NHS can do from very sharp and proactive GPs at Firs House through the excellent care at Addenbrookes to the world-class Royal Papworth. I counted eleven nationalities amongst the super staff that looked after me.

There's a little more about my experience at <https://wp.me/phtcF-Qr>

10 Sep	1400	Children and Young People Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
10 Sep	1000	Highways & Community Infrastructure	Shire Hall, Cambridge
12 Sep	1400	Adults Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
12 Sep	1400	Greater Cambridge Partnership Assembly	Shire Hall, Cambridge
13 Sep	1000	*Commercial & Investments Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
19 Sep	1400	Health Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
19 Sep	1000	Economy & Environment Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
24 Sep	1000	Health & Wellbeing Board	Shire Hall, Cambridge
25 Sep	1000	C&P Combined Authority	Council Chamber, March
26 Sep	1000	*General Purposes Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
3 Oct	1000	Planning Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
3 Oct	1600	Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board	SCDC offices, Cambourne
9 Oct	1400	Cambridgeshire Police & Crime Panel	HDC office, Huntingdon
10 Oct	1000	Communities & Partnership	Cambridgeshire Archives, Ely
15 Oct	1030	Full Council	Shire Hall, Cambridge
7 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 online https://cmis.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/ccc_live/Meetings.aspx.