

County Council Report for Parish Councils

July 2017

Cllr Roger Hickford & Cllr Kevin Cuffley

Representing the villages:

*Babraham, Great Shelford, Harston, Haslingfield, Hauxton, Little Shelford,
Newton, Sawston, Stapleford*

Highways....

I refer you to the message in the last report...

Cllrs Hickford and Cuffley are meeting your local highways officer on Wednesday 14th June for the whole morning to discuss concerns in the electoral division. We ask parish councils to make all your highways concerns known to us before Friday 9th June, so we can prepare and compare to ensure all issues are being looked at and dealt with. It is our objective to develop a spreadsheet with all the issues raised, so they can be tracked and sorted asap. This system has worked well in the past, but only with the cooperation of the parish councils and residents. Please respond to Cllr Roger Hickford with your ongoing highways issues at roger.hickford@cambridgeshire.gov.uk and I will collate them and share them with Cllr Cuffley and officers.

This system is now up and running. Responses were received from the following PC's and work is either completed or ongoing:

Sawston

Haslingfield

Little Shelford

Hauxton

Newton

For these PC's - Please forward to me any new issues that have been reported.

For those PC's still yet to respond, please let me have the list of reported issues and I will add them to the list.

A1307 LLF.... Workshops

The three workshops took place as reported in the last report. There will also be another workshop on 18th July when officers will present the results of the three workshops into one presentation.

Cllr Hickford attended the first two workshops but was away for the third. Cllr Cuffley attended all three. There was some concern that those present were not being given enough information and that it was difficult to give an overall view in three very separate workshops. We await the officers' presentation on the 18th, and urge those PC's involved to send representatives.

Combined Authority

The Combined Authority and the Mayor are now up and running, with a CE and a legal officer. The Leaders of the District Councils, together with the Leader of Cambridge City and the Leader of Peterborough constitute the Mayor's cabinet, each with a separate portfolio. This is a massive piece of extra work. Cllr Hickford attended this month's CA Board meeting as substitute for CCC Leader Steve Count. At the meeting it was agreed to go ahead with the business case for a university for Peterborough. Also there was agreement to work up business cases for the dualling of the A47, to look at extending the M11 to the A47 (which is aligned to the upgrading of the A10), and for a feasibility study for Wisbech Garden Town. All these projects were in the original deal from government.

There was representation that in the south of the County, the A1307/A505 should be looked at as a matter of priority. It is only through cooperation across the various bodies such as the CA, City Deal and the County Council, that new schemes will come forward.
