

District Councillors Report September 2010

Chief Executive

We said farewell to Chief Executive Greg Harlock during August and wish him well during his retirement. It was confirmed at council that our new Chief Executive will be Jean Hunter coming from South Ribble her official start date is Monday 27th September. Jean has already attended several meetings and will be attending cabinet and Council meetings as an observer until she officially takes up her post.

Housing

The HRA subsidy replacement system was discussed at council with regards to the personal comments the portfolio had submitted. Council has now refused to endorse these comments.

Local planning system

The new online planning system is now working online. We have been assured that the issues that are still outstanding will be resolved as soon as possible. The issues are not affecting planning applications which are now being entered onto the system.

We are still seeking clarification from the portfolio holder why the systems could not have been run in tandem while the system was being commissioned.

Blue Bin Update

During the last week of August every household should have received a leaflet about the blue bins. Blue bins will be delivered from the 31st August and should be complete by 6th October. We are told new blue bins will include a comprehensive leaflet on how to use the new blue bin.

Sustainable Parish Energy Partnership

A website is now available www.spep.net this project is growing with more Parish Councils starting to join up to the scheme.

Parish Council Liaison and meet with Chief Executive

In October the Cabinet will be hosting its six monthly liaison meeting, this will also be a chance to meet the new Chief Executive. This will be at South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne, 7.30pm on 18 October 2010. To suggest topics for discussion and confirm up to two attendees per parish council please contact Linda Browne, Community Liaison Support Assistant: linda.browne@scambs.gov.uk or 01954 713477 by 8 October.

Previous topics have included village facilities, recycling, section 106 agreements, housing services and budgets.

Gypsy and Traveller DPD

We are assured by the portfolio holder that the Gypsy and Traveller DPD is still being worked on however this is confirmed at a slower rate than before this is mainly due to waiting on new government guidelines.

Public Consultations

A Six-week period of public consultation will take place between 6 September and 18 October for the following documents.

Orchard Park Design Guidance Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

The document sets out the design principles that will guide future proposals for the remaining undeveloped sites at Orchard Park. It does not deal with land uses, which are addressed in the main policy for Orchard Park in the Site Specific Policies Development Plan Document.

Girton, Impington, Histon and Orchard Park will be receiving consultations documents.

Foodstore Provision in North West Cambridge Options Report this has been jointly prepared with Cambridge City Council. This will set the first stage of the informal planning policy guidance (IPPG) this will help guide the provision of foodstores in this area of Cambridge for existing residents and future residents at the university site, Niab and Orchard Park.

Coton, Madingley, Girton, Impington, Histon and Orchard Park will be receiving consultations documents.

Consultation documents can be found at www.scambs.gov.uk/ldf , comments can also be made via the online consultation form.

Police Observer

I had the opportunity to observe our local community policing on Friday 27th August. This was a good insight with visits to some of the areas where residents have reported anti-social behaviour. It is good to see our police and PCSO's targeting areas of concern and this seemed to be working at least on this particular night.

Edd Stonham
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