

## Monthly SCDC Report by Edd Stonham – November, 2010

### Histon football club Tree replacement Notice appeal

All three district councillors went to the Tree replacement Notice appeal the Inspector has now release his conclusions with the TRN notice now being quashed. I was dismayed by the preparation of the trees officer and several emails have been made by both Mike and myself in regards to how this has been handled. If you require a copy of the full report I have this in electronic format.

### Full Council Meeting:

Council resolved to adopt the revised Organisational Change & Redundancy Policy. The appointment to the Standards Committee was confirmed of Cllr Alan Brett, Melbourne Parish Council. The appointment is for 4 years and follows the ballot of All parish and community councils in South Cambridgeshire.

### Government funding & Finance Training

Government funding for the coming year has still not been released despite missing the 2<sup>nd</sup> December date, we hope this will be released shortly in the next few weeks.

I had the pleasure last week of attending a finance training sessions held at Camborne this gave us some footing for what would need to be done dependant on the Government funding for local councils. This included once again the speculation of taking on considerable debt to take on the HRA stock and allowing us to keep all rent receipts, however the examples given are examples as we are still waiting on the government to release this information on funding .

### Blue Bins

I have now been told some of the issues now with the trucks have been resolved and that the service is proving to be very successful.

### Grants

Village Services & Facilities Study 2010: Cambridgeshire ACRE is updating its Rural Services Survey last carried out in 2007, and is surveying the whole of Cambridgeshire to collect information on the existence of services and facilities within each parish. Surveys were sent out about 22 November and responses are due in by 17 December 2010.

Grants to the Voluntary & Community Sector 2011/12: Each year, South Cambridgeshire District Council runs a scheme of grants to the voluntary and community sector (VCS).

Organisations serving South Cambridgeshire residents can apply for funding contributing to their core costs. Some of these grants are allocated for a 3-year term. In addition, small grants of up to £1,000 are allocated on an annual basis. The closing date for applications is **17 December 2010**. For help with an application form or submitting the supporting documentation, please contact Cambridge Council for Voluntary Service, an organisation funded by SCDC to help you with a range of support for your group.

Telephone **01223 464696** or visit their website. For further information, contact your Partnerships Officer. Criteria and guidance notes and the application are downloadable from <http://www.scambs.gov.uk/documents/retrieve.htm>. The document references are 909289 and 909407 respectively.

### **SCDC Chief Executive Jean Hunter Visit to Histon and Impington.**

On a very cold Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December Jean Hunter Chief Executive of SCDC was taken around the Ward by Mike, Jonathan and myself. During the visit we dropped into IVC, IVC Sports centre, Local businesses and to the Rec/parish offices finished off by a visit to Premier Foods factory. On the walk around it was good to see the diversity of the village and Jean Hunter was very impressed by the facilities we have locally. I would like to personally thank Mike who worked on the time table for the morning which was run to military standards.

### **Gate keepers Topping out and Santa's Grotto Event**

It was with great delight I attended the topping out of the gate keepers hut. Which I must say is looking really good in its new location and thank you to all those people that got involved in making it such a success. The Santa's Grotto and winter Fair event was really well attended and I am sure all those that got involved in organising the event will have it in the to carry on this in future years. Thank you to Pene for her inspiration in creating this event it gave great sense of community.

### **Councillors Surgery**

Just a reminder the all councillor sessions is at Histon and Impington Parish offices on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 7pm till 8pm. All are welcome.

### **On a final Note**

Please have a great Christmas break and a happy new year hopefully you are all better prepared than I am...See you all in the new year.

Your councillors are here to help you. Please feel free to contact us with comments, questions, problems or complaints. We hope that we can help but, if we can't, we probably know someone who can.