

## **Monthly SCDC Report by Lynda Harford – April 2011**

I apologise for the lateness of this report and, as usual list below the meetings attended with some points of note.

**06 April: Planning Committee**

Local Interest: 9 Station Road, Oakington – approved

The monthly update on Cambourne drainage was interesting as it was the first time that one of the developers attended to answer questions. The representative of Bovis Homes was given quite a grilling and the committee have been assured that the other developers will be requested to attend future meetings. This is very important as the residents of Cambourne have suffered a great deal due to poor workmanship and it is important that this is not allowed to happen again with any future developments.

**12 April: Neighbourhood Panel Meeting**

Our new PCSO is Claire Whiteman and Judith Crabbe remains as our local beat officer.

**13 April: Northstowe PfH Meeting**

There was no chance that this would be any different from the usual lively exchange of views encouraged as always by the PfH and much of the information on Northstowe and the Rampton Drift Retrofit Scheme was repeated for the benefit of parishes at the evening meeting of the Northstowe Parish Forum.

**Northstowe Parish Forum**

Concern was expressed that no member of HCA was present. I continue to express concerns around the creation of 'headroom' on the A14 to possibly allow for some development at Northstowe. There is to be a workshop on the Northstowe Master Plan.

**14 April: [i] Planning Training Session on Conservation**

**[ii] Full Council Meeting**

The item of most interest to us locally was a motion that no further expenditure should be made by SCDC on matters pertaining to Northstowe until there was a resolution to the issue of the A14. The motion was defeated.

The last item on the agenda was a confidential item relating to the job evaluation project that has been undertaken by SCDC. This was initiated by the need of the Council to ensure that it was not in breach of equalities legislation. Staff received letters on 10 May advising what effect the changes would have on each of them personally. This has been a very difficult task for the Council to undertake as it has meant that some members of staff will face pay cuts.

**19 April: Glass Workshop**

This was a most interesting opportunity for the local community to participate in the production of the glass tiles that will be incorporated into the piece of art that will be suspended in the new Cottenham Village College Sixth Form building. Under the expert tutelage of the artist I enjoyed with my granddaughter and many other local people a most engaging experience.

**26 April: [i] CDRP Meeting**

It had been thought that following the limited trial of speed limit stickers [roundels] in which Cottenham participated there would be no district wide roll out. However, this was an SCDC initiative and despite the fact that there do not seem to have been any measurable results in their effect on speeding it is likely that this will be taken forward. Phil Aldis, the Community Safety Officer will be writing to parishes during May.

The end of year figures that were reported were generally positive with some notable reductions but increases in serious sex offences and shoplifting were reported. The future of the Neighbourhood Panels was discussed as funding for these after December 2011 is not certain. It was suggested that the CDRP might become responsible for them and appoint a member champion.

**[ii] Sustainable Cottenham Meeting**

Separate report

- 27 April: Visit to the Ward by Jean Hunter, CEO SCDC**  
The article that I wrote for the Cottenham Newsletter is attached for information.
- 28 April: Scrutiny Committee Meeting**

**Dates to note for May:**

- 18 May:** Northstowe Master Plan Work shop  
**24 May:** Sustainable Cottenham Meeting  
**26 May:** SCDC Full Council Meeting

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