

or dog litter on the pavements and along with many other different issues. Due to the dwindling attendances these meetings could be phased out which would be a shame. East Cambs District Council are in the process of reviewing the situation to whether this is financially viable any more, especially with Shape Your Place now available.

Shape Your Place is a Website for anyone to use and raise issues. This is helpful for those unable to attend the quarterly meetings of the Neighbourhood Panels and they can raise their questions through this on-line forum. You can always contact Gareth and I, either by phone 740617 or email paulineawilson@btinternet.com

Having been given a booklet in January with the dates of the meetings, the Council has changed all the dates and the meeting for 11th April has just been cancelled.

Staff are likely to have a 1% pay increase following several years of frozen salaries. The Corporate services side of the committee continue to look at performance and service level agreements.

We continue to assist residents with planning problems. This involves meeting with residents and helping them through the process, including consulting with planning officers at ECDC and attending planning meetings to speak either for or against the planning application on their behalf.

Report from County Cllr Bill Hunt:

During the last year I together with my County colleagues have been working to achieve Cambridgeshire is open for business:

- Massive A14 improvements, which will reduce traffic on A1123. (There will be both national and local carriageways)
- New Railway Station at Cambridge Science Park (and link to guided bus)
- Investing an extra £90m on the County's roads.
- 90% of County to get superfast broadband and everybody gets at least basic broadband.
- Ely southern by-pass to be started in 2015. (Another traffic reducing measure for A1123)
- Established Cambridge and Counties Bank to support SME's and secure good returns for pensioners.
- No wind farms on County's 34,000-acre County Farms estate.
- Keep all existing Libraries open.
- Increase funding for the most vulnerable.
- Build a new County owned and run care home. (Still in early stages).

I wish to continue working for:

- Any measures that make our roads safer. (Includes weight limit at Earith, reducing HCVs on A1123 and making Soham to Stretham a "B" classification road)
- Improved Bus service between Haddenham, Stretham and Ely. (an hourly service)
- Re-laying electrified rail lines between Hitchin and Bedford (Allows direct Norwich, Ely, Cambridge, Oxford, Swindon and Cardiff trains)
- Consulting with the Public and showing intolerance for petty party bickering and beaurocracy.
- Continuing the working "with the public" that has made the Re-Cycling centre at Witchford such a success.
- Achieving a better "A" level offering in Ely.

At District Level

- I support the proposed district leisure centre and multi screen Cinema in Downham Road Ely
- I believe that Community Land Trusts are a very exciting route to give local homes, run by local people, controlled by local people to local people.
- I believe that Ely should be promoted as the beautiful City we all know and one of its assets is Free Car Parking, which I believe is an essential tool to preserve and expand our city centre. I am delighted that eventually the charging regime has been rejected.

Report from District Cllr Ian Allen:

I have been involved in a number of issues at the District Council this year, some Haddenham specific and some concerning the whole district.

