

County Councillor Report

Annual Report 2013/14

I was very gratified and honoured to have been re-elected as your County Councillor for a 3rd term in May last year. The size of my majority was substantial and made me rather humble. I must praise Gareth Wilson who I always consider as my main competitor who conducted his campaign in a fair, clean, decent and positive way.

Throughout Cambridgeshire, there was considerable support for UKIP and as a result my (Conservative) group was reduced to 32 Councillors out of a total of 69. We are by far the largest party but do not have an overall majority. (Lib Dem =14, KIP = 12, Labour =7 Independent =4).

Subsequently in May this year the Council moves to a Committee as opposed to a Cabinet style of governance. Maybe it will be more democratic but I fear that it may be more expensive, more ponderous and much slower at making decisions. Only time will tell.

I really hope to have some good news about an hourly Bus service Witcham, Haddenham, Wilburton, Stretham (link to Cambridge), Little Thetford, Ely Mkt Street and Ely Station/Tesco. The first Bus from Haddenham should be at 7am with the last Bus leaving Ely at 18.20. I really hope this new service can be up and running by July this year, I am in the hands of an ever-helpful Paul Nelson at Shire Hall. Watch this space.

I am doing the best I can to support Dial-a-Ride and fully understand this "life line" service.

Additionally:

I am passionate about the Ely Southern By Pass and A14 improvement.

I want to reduce HGV traffic on A1123.

Delighted that Cambs pupils receiving a 7% (£275.00 per head) increase in Gov funding .

Was bottom of list.

Cambridge Science Park Station on track and will be open within 3 years. (Linked to new £6 million Guided Bus track).

Superfast broadband continues to roll out.

I oppose the wind farm at Aldreth.

Community Land trusts lead the way and Stretham is in the vanguard.

The proposed Gladman development on Wilburton Road should be opposed (I believe).

The proposed "City Deal" will have effect as far out as Wisbech. Initially £100 million of Gov funding to expand inward investment.

We now have a vision of the future with rail links to Wisbech, between Soham and Cambridge and between Cambridge and Bedford.

I continue to visit Parish Councils regularly and am always ready to assist groups or individuals.

Best wishes

Bill Hunt

County Member Haddenham Division.(Haddenham, Wilburton, Stretham, Lt Thetford, Wentworth, Witchford and Aldreth).

