

Report for Parish Councils - March 2018

A1307 Improvements

The consultation on the 3 preferred schemes has now been extended until 9th April due to the recent severe weather disrupting the leaflet drops. There are also two further public exhibition events being held at Babraham Road P&R on Wednesday 21st March from 8am – 9am and at Haverhill Arts Centre on Thursday 22nd March from 5pm – 8pm. As previously reported, this may be the last chance you have to comment upon the proposals, so please do!

Bus changes

Stagecoach are changing bus times in our area, the time of the various 13 services are altering between 5 minutes earlier and 22 minutes later than they are currently. Also, the 16a service has some minor departure time changes as the route is altering on the Addenbrooke's campus. The bottom line - check the updated timetables before travelling.

LHI Bids

All of the bids for Local Highway Initiative grants were heard last month, scored by a panel of councillors and the decisions to be issued later this month. Good luck everyone that applied.

Children's Centres

You'll remember we've reported for a long time on this issue, with a decision being taken last year to 're-designate' some children's centres in the county, including the one in Linton. We are now in discussions with the County Council and the Cathodeon Trust on how this transformation this will work and what exactly it will look like, as the situation is complicated with the building ownership. More to follow.

Computer Charging

In an attempt to put money back into a book purchasing fund, the County Council is to introduce a charge for using computers in their libraries around the county. The first 30 minutes will be free as well as certain websites. I wasn't particularly pleased with this but the decision is being reviewed in 6 months. If you have any strong views on this, do let me know and I will pass them onto the County Council.

Sporting News

Cambridge City's application to build a new stadium in Sawston has been given the green light by the Secretary of State. Expect this to be completed next year. The plans include a 3,000-seater stadium and artificial pitches next door that can be used by the public.

County Councillor Henry Batchelor