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COUNCILLOR REPORT FOR JUNE 2024

GENERAL ELECTION 4TH JULY

A shorter report this month as the calling of the general election has meant the postponing of meetings and a restriction on what can be said in public.

Please remember that personal identification will be required when you go to vote. If you need help with this contact South Cambs District Council.

Whoever you support the most important thing is to USE YOUR VOTE.

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY

Grants are available, from the District Council, for green space improvement projects. Applications are to be via Parish Councils and up to £15,000 is on offer, but you need to be quick applications close on the 1st August.

More information from james.croft@scambs.gov.uk

SOLAR FARM

Kingsway, the company promoting the gigantic solar farm in the A11 to West Wratting area gave a briefing about their plans recently. The intention is for them to submit a planning application at some point next year. Until we see that it is not clear what the full extent of the project will be. We will be keeping an eye on this one.

CAMBRIDGE 2050

This is the governments vision for the expansion of Cambridge City by 150,000 houses by 2050. With the General Election upon us and the likely hood of a different government in place we are keen to see if this 'vision' will survive. It seems certain that there will be substantial development, there are already plans in place for significant increases through our new town developments, but we would hope that the numbers will be more realistic.

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FENS RESERVOIR

One of the key issues that has to be addressed before more development can take place is the shortage of water in our area. To address this, it is proposed to build a substantial reservoir in the Fens. There is a consultation underway.

For further information go to the website – <u>www.fensreservoir.co.uk</u>

ANAEROBIC DIGESTER

We have reported before on the proposal for an anaerobic digester plant near Streetly End. We are still awaiting a decision on this one but expect to hear the result of the planning application in mid-July.

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