

## **Notes for Minutes of PC meeting 16/06/2025**

### **Chairman**

PR – unanimously elected and accepted

### **Vice Chairman**

JA – unanimously elected and accepted (Couldn't elect PB in his absence)

### **Apologies**

PB

SS

Charlotte Lowe

### **Declarations**

PR and RR re grass cutting

### **Public Participation**

Roy Collett raised:

- White gates on entrance to village – need highways permission so no progress
- Recent emails to clerk – requested better service as receiving no replies

Sali Cooper raised:

- Overhanging hedges on Ramsey Road which constitute health and safety hazard – need to put on online portal
- 20 mph speed limit – 2024 application - unsuccessful 2025 application = still in pipeline
- Abbots Ripton Road – hedge cutting needed near junction – need to tell highways

### **Co-opt new member**

Alan didn't attend – will try and do so at next meeting

### **District Councillor Report**

- HDC accounts and reserves discussed. £5.5 million has been put into reserves this year – total put into reserves since 2022 - £14 million, giving DC total of £170 million of which £96 million is usable (rest is ring fenced) so DC has plenty of cash. However, big cuts over next 5 years and 5% council tax rise.
  - N.B. No plan on how to use usable reserve before local government reorganization – see below. Important that it should be used for Huntingdon not go into unitary pot.

- Note the audited accounts released and in public domain but not really comprehensible to public
- Large CIL reserve – CIL round just started.
- Local government reorganisation – 3 options for creating unitary body (below is taken from HDC website:

Proposal A - A North-West/South-East Option

- Unitary 1: Peterborough City Council, Huntingdonshire and Fenland District Councils - along with County Council functions.
- Unitary 2: Cambridge City Council, East Cambridgeshire and South Cambridgeshire District Councils - along with County Council functions.

Proposal B - A North/South Option

- Unitary 1: Peterborough City Council, East Cambridgeshire, Fenland and Huntingdonshire District Councils - along with County Council functions.
- Unitary 2: Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District - along with County Council functions.

Proposal C - An East/West Option

- Unitary 1: Peterborough City Council, East Cambridgeshire and Fenland District Councils - along with County Council functions.
- Unitary 2: Cambridge City Council, Huntingdonshire and South Cambridgeshire District Councils - along with County Council functions.

Note: Parish Councils will not be affected.

Timeline:

2025/6 Councils put forward proposals – then evaluated

2027 Elections to unitary authority

2028 New unitary authority takes over

(Doesn't look like these deadlines will be met but DC's will keep us informed)

- Cycle path. Ideas to get some funding towards badly needed cycle path. Unitary authorities will be responsible for travel infrastructure – CIL when A141 developed.
  - PR to speak to Charlotte Lowe to see if it could be tied into A141 development
  - Useful contacts: Rob Bridges (Combined Authority) and Michelle Sacks (HDC)

## **County Councillor Report**

N/A

## **Public Participation**

No members of public attended.

## **Minutes of 16 March**

Approved - PR proposed JA seconded.

**Matters arising**

- Camp Beagle Protest – no change
- Highways issues – discussed above

**Finance**

- Accounts for payment – no documents so no action
- Monthly reconciliations – pending as per agenda

**General Competence**

- PC meets criteria
- Unanimously agreed

**Correspondence**

None received

**Matters for discussion**

None

**Next meeting**

Sorry Sam you'll have to check with Phil – my notes say see sheet and I'm in France and haven't got the sheet!