

## **Report from your District Cllr. Barbara Boddington**

A busy year with the Huntingdonshire District Council and a new Executive Leader Cllr. Robin Howe with his Deputy Cllr Graham Bull.

Our former leader Cllr. Jason Ablewhite was successful in his Election as the Police and Crime Commissioner last May and is making changes and improvements to the Police Service. His office is now at Hinchbrooke Police HQ and if you need to contact him at any time his address is - Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner, P.O. Box 686 Huntingdon PE29 9LA

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My main committees are Licensing and Protection and two Scrutiny Committees along with my monthly Parish Council Meetings. The coming year will be my last year as a District Councillor after 15 yrs.

It is an ' All Out ' scenario for 2018 instead of by thirds, all 52 Councillors will be seeking Election and is very much a cost saving exercise.

This year we have had the first Mayoral Election for the Combined Authorities - Huntingdonshire - South Cambridgeshire - Fenland East Cambridgeshire - Cambridgeshire City and Peterborough. This will bring many benefits with Government funding being released. The new Mayor is Mr James Palmer and he will be making other appointments together with representatives to make the combined authority.

Lastly but not least our thanks our due to your Parish Councillors and Clerk Christine who work hard for the village throughout the year.

**I am here for All the Electorate**

**Cllr. Barbara Boddington**

## **GREAT PAXTON PARISH COUNCIL: PARISH REPORT**

### **CUSTOMER SERVICES**

Another Council year has passed by. It has been a difficult year with breakdowns in services and decisions made which did not serve the best interests of the parish councils.

Customers Services need to improve together with the culture that Members and Staff are there to serve the electorate. I remain hopeful that with the program of putting yourself in the shoes of the customer, we can make council services better via Online/phone and quicker with more choices.

Best example I can give is bank services now provide online banking and ATM machines. No longer do you have to visit the branch between 9-3 or have to travel to the bank branch for services.

### **PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

I am now member of the Board of Huntingdonshire Association of Community Transport which provides bus services for village residents.

I would welcome support from the parish councils to encourage residents to become members of the community transport service. It offers social events as well as a ring and ride service.

There are also community car schemes providing transport for hospital and surgery appointments and always a need for volunteer drivers.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

I continue to serve on the following Committees at the District Council: Corporate Governance, Licensing (including the Licensing Sub –Committee), Licensing and Protection and Development Management along with the Overview & Scrutiny Panel (Performance and Customers). I am vice - chairman of the Employment Committee and vice – chairman of the Council.

I am also Chairman of Hinchingsbrooke Country Park Joint Group working with Cambridgeshire County Council

### **TRUNK ROADS**

There is a need to

- monitor the construction of the A14 to ensure residents are protected from noise, pollution and that soft landscaping is provided to maintain the landscape;
- work with colleagues to be fully informed on the A428 improvement plans between Black Cat Roundabout and Caxton Gibbett; and
- work with colleagues to gain improvements to the A1.

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## Great Paxton AGM-2017, 15<sup>th</sup> May Report of PCSO7101 Richard Braddick

Crime report for Great Paxton AGM - From PCSO 7101 Richard Braddick

Firstly my apologies for not being able to attend tonight's meeting I couldn't change my shift due to having my duties changed, but will try and get along to another council meeting shortly. I have included a report to cover the period of May 15<sup>th</sup> 2016 to May 14<sup>th</sup> 2017. During this period Cambridgeshire Police have been called to the following incidents in the Great Paxton area.

- 7 Suspect circumstances
- 11 Road Traffic Accidents
- 5 Road Offence
- 3 Burglary (dwelling)
- 1 Thefts or Attempted Theft
- 2 Criminal Damage
- 4 Theft from a motor vehicle
- 1 Violence
- 3 Anti-Social Behaviour
- 7 Abandoned Vehicles

We have certainly seen criminal activity in the villages over the past 3 or 4 months, with Buckden, The Offord's and Great Gransden experiencing the highest rate of crimes, which have included Burglaries, Theft from Motor Vehicles and Theft of expensive alloy wheels from motor vehicles. It makes it more important that we all remain as vigilant as we can be and report any suspicious activity both day and night, only last week a home in Buckden as well as 4 other properties in the Huntingdon area were broken into during broad daylight. The Buckden home was between midday and 1pm. If it doesn't look quite right, it probably isn't.

I would like to bring to your attention door to door sellers who are working the areas on a regular basis, these can be males selling kitchen and bathroom accessories from a holdall to fish sellers, we would like to chat with them if you see or have them knocking at the door, most will not have a peddlers licence which is an offence. There is also a fish van blue in colour with 3 males in white coats going door to door, last seen in Offord Cluny 2 weeks ago, we would very much like to know if they have been in Great Paxton, or may still come to the village.

We have been called to several abandoned vehicles recently which are considered to be a parking nuisance, we are limited to what we can ticket in regards to parking close to a junction and it needs to be a physical obstruction rather than a visible one. I have been and checked several vehicles recently all of which are not reported as stolen.

Lastly, can I ask that if you or members of the community are not on e-cops, then please pass on the registration information by going to [www.ecops.org.uk](http://www.ecops.org.uk) this will keep you up to date with recent crimes, prevention advice and any other local information that might affect you?

I am always accessible to any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Kind regards, PCSO 7101 Richard Braddick, St Neots Rural

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