

REPORT TO PARISH COUNCIL APM Thursday 22 nd April 2021 Great Gransden

The report covers the last year been for many sad losing family members and lockdowns taking away the social meetings we enjoy so much, with zoom have been able to carry out council business.

Thousands of words been written and spoken about COVID 19 ( coronavirus ) feel not able to add to.

For all parish councils and the district council there are and continue to be issues which demand our attention the New A428, East West Rail Consultation will run from 31 March – 9 June 2021.

During the public briefings East West Rail have said the environmental is important during the planning of the route, this should mean protection of the historic landscape which is enjoyed and is important for residents and visitors in and to the ward.

Received from Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority a request to become part of focus group to discuss public transport provision first meeting middle of May.

Understand parish councils will be part of focus group am sure if the service meets the needs of the residents and they have confidence in the service provided it will be used.

It is year sure everyone has had a loss for me My good friend Chairman of Huntingdonshire District Council, Councillor John Davies passed away we enjoyed good working relationship as chairman and vice chairman of the council, also Councillor Jill Taverner we worked together on the Employment Committee as chairman vice chairman, Jill was supportive and caring member of the committee with positive attitude to staff issues.

At the district council have the role of chairman of the Employment Committee, and chairman of Hinchingsbrooke Country Park Joint Group working with Cambridgeshire County Council.

Am member of the Corporate Governance Committee and member of Licensing Committee / Licensing Protection Committee.

Chairman of the Employment Committee is on the Senior Officers Committee.

Service Levels do cause concern the district council are investing in equipment and staff to reduce/ improve waiting times for the telephone to be answered, the planning service have had change of leadership senior management are seeking officer performance to deliver service to meet the applicant/agent and residents expectations.

Cambridgeshire County Councillor Mrs Wisson is not seeking re-election am sad many do not see the work on behalf of the ward which Julie carries out, always sensible and balanced wish her happy retirement, but remember Julie you are still young enough to return to the council.

At the last parish council meeting announcement by Councillor Gorton he is retiring from the council, fist met Jeff in 2005 over the last sixteen years given service in the best interests of village residents wish him happy retirement.

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