

COUNTY COUNCIL: MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, 13th May 2014

Time: 10.30 a.m. – 12.15 p.m.

Place: Shire Hall, Cambridge

Present: Councillors P Ashcroft, B Ashwood, A Bailey, I Bates, K Bourke, D Brown, P Brown, P Bullen, R Butcher, S Bywater, E Cearn, B Chapman, P Clapp, J Clark, D Connor, S Count, S Crawford, S Criswell, M Curtis, A Dent, D Divine, P Downes, S Frost, D Giles, G Gillick, D Harty, R Henson, R Hickford, J Hipkin, B Hunt, D Jenkins, N Kavanagh, G Kenney, S Kindersley, P Lagoda, A Lay, M Leeke, M Loynes, I Manning, M Mason, M McGuire, L Nethsingha, F Onasanya, T Orgee, J Palmer, P Reeve, J Reynolds, K Reynolds, M Rouse, P Sales, J Schumann, J Scutt, M Shellens, M Shuter, M Smith, A Taylor, M Tew, P Topping, S van de Kerkhove, S van de Ven, A Walsh, J Whitehead, J Williams, G Wilson, J Wisson and F Yeulett

Apologies: Councillors P Read and S Rylance

68. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN/WOMAN OF COUNCIL

It was moved by Councillor Count, seconded by Councillor Bullen and resolved:

That Councillor K Reynolds be elected Chairman of the County Council for the period to the next annual meeting of Council.

Councillor K Reynolds signed the statutory declaration of acceptance of office, took the Chair and thanked the Council for his election.

[Voting pattern: one abstention, all other members in favour.]

69. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN/WOMAN OF COUNCIL

It was moved by Councillor K Reynolds, seconded by Councillor Hipkin and resolved:

That Councillor Kindersley be appointed Vice-Chairman of the County Council for the period to the next annual meeting of Council.

Councillor Kindersley signed the statutory declaration of acceptance of office and thanked the Council for his election.

[Voting pattern: one abstention, all other members in favour.]

70. MINUTES – 25th MARCH 2014

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 25th March 2014 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

71. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made a number of announcements as set out in **Appendix A**.

72. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Members declared non-statutory disclosable interests under the Code of Conduct:

Councillor	Minute	Details
Bywater	80 b)	Runs a company manufacturing goods in China for import to the UK and other European countries
van de Ven	80 b)	Husband engaged in academic partnerships with the University of Nanjing and she and her family have spent time in Nanjing

73. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No questions were received from members of the public.

74. PETITIONS

No petitions were received.

75. CONSTITUTION AND ETHICS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO FULL COUNCIL AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL'S SCHEME OF DELEGATION

The recommendations set out in the report from the Constitution and Ethics Committee were moved by the Committee's Chairman, Councillor Kindersley, and seconded by the Chairman of Council, Councillor K Reynolds.

Following discussion, it was resolved:

- 1) To approve a number of residual amendments to the new Constitution as set out in Appendix 1 to the report
- 2) To establish a Joint Area Committee covering the County divisions within the Cambridge City Council administrative area and approve the proposed Terms of Reference for the Joint Area Committee as set out in Appendix 2 to the report
- 3) To approve the publication of all electronic votes at Council as a PDF version of the notepad document (as produced by the voting system) on an appropriate page on the Council's website
- 4) To authorise the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Chairman/woman of the Constitution and Ethics Committee, to make any other minor or consequential amendments to the Constitution necessary for, or incidental to, the implementation of the above proposals
- 5) To agree the scheme of delegation or such part of it as the Constitution determines it is for the Council to agree as set out in Part 4.1 – Council Procedure Rules.

[Voting pattern: one abstention, all other members in favour.]

76. COMMITTEES: ALLOCATION OF SEATS AND SUBSTITUTES TO POLITICAL GROUPS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLITICAL BALANCE RULES

It was proposed by the Chairman of Council, Councillor K Reynolds, seconded by the Vice-Chairman of Council, Councillor Kindersley, and agreed unanimously:

That the allocation of seats and substitutes on Committees to political groups in accordance with the political balance rules, and the delegation to the Monitoring Officer and Chief Executive, in consultation with Group Leaders, to make any minor adjustments necessary resulting from the Willingham by-election on 22nd May 2014, as set out in the tabled report on green paper under item 9 be approved.

The tabled report is attached to these minutes as Appendix B.

77. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN/WOMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN/WOMEN OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE AND SERVICE COMMITTEES

It was proposed by the Chairman of Council, Councillor K Reynolds, seconded by the Vice-Chairman of Council, Councillor Kindersley, and agreed unanimously:

That the recommendation for appointment of the Chairman/woman and Vice-Chairman/woman of the following, as set out in the tabled report on pink paper under item 10, be approved:

- General Purposes Committee
- Adults Committee
- Children and Young People Committee
- Economy and Environment Committee
- Health Committee
- Highways and Community Infrastructure Committee

The tabled report is attached to these minutes as Appendix C.

Councillor Count thanked Council for his appointment as Chairman of General Purposes Committee and Leader of the Council.

78. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

It was proposed by the Chairman of Council, Councillor K Reynolds, seconded by the Vice-Chairman of Council, Councillor Kindersley, and agreed unanimously:

That the recommendations for appointments to outside organisations as set out in the tabled report on yellow paper under item 11 be approved.

The tabled report is attached to these minutes as Appendix D.

79. APPROVAL OF CALENDAR OF COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS

It was proposed by the Chairman of Council, Councillor K Reynolds, seconded by the Vice-Chairman of Council, Councillor Kindersley, and resolved unanimously to approve the following calendar of meetings:

- 22nd July 2014
- 14th October 2014

- 16th December 2014
- 17th February 2015
- 20th February 2015 (Provisional)
- 24th March 2015
- 12th May 2015.

80. MOTIONS SUBMITTED UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 10

Two motions had been submitted under Council Procedure Rule 10

a) Motion from Councillor Whitehead

With the agreement of the seconder, Councillor Sales, and all other members, Councillor Whitehead withdrew her motion. She explained that she would instead be raising her issue directly with the General Purposes Committee.

b) Motion from Councillor Shuter

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Shuter and seconded by Councillor Curtis:

This Council notes that:

- An approach has been received from the Economic and Commercial Counsellor's Office of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China on behalf of the city of Nanjing, in respect of economic co-operation with the businesses and institutions of Cambridgeshire.
- Nanjing is one of the four ancient capital cities of China and is located in the Yangtze River Delta. It is the capital city and political, economic scientific, educational, and cultural centre of Jiangsu Province. It has a population of 8 million. It has Universities of more than 800,000 students and is home to 75 high-level scientific institutes, 307 technical engineering research centres and has 80 academy fellows. It has a mix of emerging research facilities and industries that mirror many of those in Cambridgeshire, and the East of England.

This Council believes:

- That this is a very exciting and welcome approach from Nanjing City, and the potential for economic development, technological research, and co-operation between us should be further explored.

Therefore, this Council calls on the Economy and Environment Committee:

To draw up an appropriate form of words acceptable to the City of Nanjing and Cambridgeshire County Council supporting further economic co-operation, following consultation with principal businesses, trade associations and appropriate institutions in and around Cambridgeshire by its September Committee meeting.

Following discussion, the motion was put to the vote and was carried.

[Voting pattern: two abstentions, all other members in favour.]

81. QUESTIONS

a) Oral Questions

Ten questions were asked under Council Procedure Rule 9.1, as set out in **Appendix E**. In response to these questions, the following items were agreed for further action:

- In response to questions from Councillors Chapman and van de Kerkhove, the Chairman of the Highways and Community Infrastructure Committee, Councillor Hickford, agreed to consider on-street parking charge proposals relating to Market Square, St Neots.
- The Chairman of the Fire Authority, Councillor P Brown, agreed to send a written response to a question from Councillor Bullen about the cost of the recent attendance by a Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue officer at an IBM conference in Las Vegas and any cancellation costs arising from the non-attendance of two further officers.
- In response to a question from Councillor Downes, the Chairwoman of the Children and Young People Committee, Councillor Whitehead, agreed to propose that the Committee consider further the Government's recent announcement of greater flexibility for local authorities in determining the age at which children start school, to help address the under-performance of summer-born children.
- Responding to a question from Councillor Whitehead, the Chairman of the Constitution and Ethics Committee, Councillor Kindersley, agreed to ask the Committee in conjunction with the Chairman of the Independent Remuneration Panel whether the Chairman/woman of the Health and Wellbeing Board should receive a Special Responsibility Allowance.
- The Chairman of the Adults Committee, Councillor Clapp, agreed to send a written response to a question from Councillor Orgee on how he anticipated demographic change would impact on the Council, given the budgetary constraints faced.
- The Chairman of the General Purposes Committee, Councillor Count, agreed to send written notification to Councillor Jenkins when information on the Council's website relating to financial transactions made in April 2014 had been corrected.
- As Leader of the Council, Councillor Count accepted an invitation from Councillor Reeve to visit Ramsey.

b) Written Questions

Two written questions had been submitted under Council Procedure Rule 9.2, as set out in **Appendix F**.

Councillor van de Ven expressed concern that her question had not been fully answered and agreed to contact officers to resolve this.

Chairman

**COUNTY COUNCIL – 13th MAY 2014
CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

PEOPLE

Sue Grace, Director of Customer Service and Transformation

Following a meeting of the Appointments and Remuneration Committee on 19th March 2014, Sue Grace, Assistant Director Customer and Community Service, Northamptonshire County Council, has been appointed as the County Council's new Director of Customer Service and Transformation.

Bob Menzies, Service Director: Strategy and Development

Following a meeting of the Appointments and Remuneration Committee on 28th March 2014, Bob Menzies has been appointed as the new Service Director: Strategy and Development for Environment Transport and Economy.

MESSAGES

Volunteers Week

The County Council will be celebrating Volunteers Week in June with a Big Thank You campaign. Services will be holding Big Thank You events for volunteers across the County and a short film will highlight the contribution our volunteers make to the work of the Council and to communities across Cambridgeshire each and every day.

125th Anniversary

The Council is noting the 125th anniversary of the establishment of the original County Council.

COUNTY COUNCIL – 13th MAY 2014

**COMMITTEES – ALLOCATION OF SEATS AND SUBSTITUTES TO POLITICAL GROUPS
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLITICAL BALANCE RULES**

COMMITTEES

GENERAL PURPOSES (17)

CLLR	A BAILEY	C		Substitutes (up to 4 per group)	
CLLR	I BATES	C	CLLR	B CHAPMAN	C
CLLR	D BROWN	C	CLLR	D HARTY	C
CLLR	S COUNT	C	CLLR	J SCHUMANN	C
CLLR	S CRISWELL	C	CLLR	M SHUTER	C
CLLR	R HICKFORD	C	CLLR	D GILES	IND
CLLR	M MCGUIRE	C	CLLR	M MASON	IND
CLLR	T ORGEE	C	CLLR	S VAN DE KERKHOVE	IND
CLLR	J HIPKIN	IND	CLLR		IND
CLLR	P SALES	L	CLLR	A WALSH	L
CLLR	J WHITEHEAD	L	CLLR		L
CLLR	K BOURKE	LD	CLLR		L
CLLR	E CEARNS	LD	CLLR		L
CLLR	M LEEKE	LD	CLLR	P DOWNES	LD
CLLR	P BULLEN	UKIP	CLLR	D JENKINS	LD
CLLR	P CLAPP	UKIP	CLLR	L NETHSINGHA	LD
CLLR	P REEVE	UKIP	CLLR	S VAN DE VEN	LD
			CLLR	S BYWATER	UKIP
			CLLR	D DIVINE	UKIP
			CLLR	R HENSON	UKIP
			CLLR	A LAY	UKIP

ADULTS (17)

CLLR	A BAILEY	C		Substitutes (up to 4 per group)	
CLLR	M CURTIS	C	CLLR	S FROST	C
CLLR	G KENNEY	C	CLLR	D HARTY	C
CLLR	M LOYNES	C	CLLR	T ORGEE	C
CLLR	J REYNOLDS	C	CLLR	J WISSON	C
CLLR	K REYNOLDS	C	CLLR	J HIPKIN	IND
CLLR	M SMITH	C	CLLR	M MASON	IND
CLLR	F YEULETT	C	CLLR	S VAN DE KERKHOVE	IND
CLLR	D GILES	IND	CLLR		IND
CLLR	S CRAWFORD	L	CLLR		L
CLLR	F ONASANYA	L	CLLR		L
CLLR	K BOURKE	LD	CLLR		L
CLLR	L NETHSINGHA	LD	CLLR		L
CLLR	G WILSON	LD	CLLR	B ASHWOOD	LD
CLLR	P ASHCROFT	UKIP	CLLR	P DOWNES	LD
CLLR	P CLAPP	UKIP	CLLR	S KINDERSLEY	LD
CLLR	M TEW	UKIP	CLLR	I MANNING	LD
			CLLR	P BULLEN	UKIP
			CLLR	D DIVINE	UKIP
			CLLR	A LAY	UKIP
			CLLR	P REEVE	UKIP

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE (17)

CLLR	D BROWN	C		Substitutes (up to 4 per group)	
CLLR	P BROWN	C	CLLR	A DENT	C
CLLR	D HARTY	C	CLLR	T ORGEE	C
CLLR	G KENNEY	C	CLLR	J PALMER	C
CLLR	M LOYNES	C	CLLR	M SMITH	C
CLLR	M ROUSE	C	CLLR	D GILES	IND
CLLR	J WISSON	C	CLLR	J HIPKIN	IND
CLLR	F YEULETT	C	CLLR	M MASON	IND
CLLR	S VAN DE KERKHOVE	IND	CLLR		IND
CLLR	F ONASANYA	L	CLLR	N KAVANAGH	L
CLLR	J WHITEHEAD	L	CLLR		L
CLLR	P DOWNES	LD	CLLR		L
CLLR	M LEEKE	LD	CLLR		L
CLLR	L NETHSINGHA	LD	CLLR	K BOURKE	LD
CLLR	S BYWATER	UKIP	CLLR	I MANNING	LD
CLLR	P CLAPP	UKIP	CLLR	A TAYLOR	LD
CLLR	D DIVINE	UKIP	CLLR	S VAN DE VEN	LD
			CLLR	P ASHCROFT	UKIP
			CLLR	P BULLEN	UKIP
			CLLR	G GILICK	UKIP
			CLLR	P REEVE	UKIP

ECONOMY & ENVIRONMENT (17)

CLLR	I BATES	C		Substitutes (up to 4 per group)	
CLLR	R BUTCHER	C	CLLR	D CONNOR	C
CLLR	B CHAPMAN	C	CLLR	S COUNT	C
CLLR	J CLARK	C	CLLR	T ORGEE	C
CLLR	D HARTY	C	CLLR	M ROUSE	C
CLLR	J REYNOLDS	C	CLLR	D GILES	IND
CLLR	J SCHUMANN	C	CLLR	M MASON	IND
CLLR	M SHUTER	C	CLLR	S VAN DE KERKHOVE	IND
CLLR	J HIPKIN	IND	CLLR		IND
CLLR	N KAVANAGH	L	CLLR		L
CLLR	A WALSH	L	CLLR		L
CLLR	E CEARNS	LD	CLLR		L
CLLR	D JENKINS	LD	CLLR		L
CLLR	J WILLIAMS	LD	CLLR	S KINDERSLEY	LD
CLLR	D DIVINE	UKIP	CLLR	A TAYLOR	LD
CLLR	A LAY	UKIP	CLLR	S VAN DE VEN	LD
CLLR	R HENSON	UKIP	CLLR	G WILSON	LD
			CLLR	P ASHCROFT	UKIP
			CLLR	P BULLEN	UKIP
			CLLR	G GILICK	UKIP
			CLLR	P REEVE	UKIP

HEALTH (17)

CLLR	P BROWN	C		Substitutes (up to 4 per group)	
CLLR	A DENT	C	CLLR	A BAILEY	C
CLLR	S FROST	C	CLLR	D BROWN	C
CLLR	T ORGEE	C	CLLR	M CURTIS	C
CLLR	J SCHUMANN	C	CLLR	M LOYNES	C
CLLR	M SMITH	C	CLLR	J HIPKIN	IND
CLLR	P TOPPING	C	CLLR	M MASON	IND
CLLR	J WISSON	C	CLLR	S VAN DE KERKHOVE	IND
CLLR	D GILES	IND	CLLR		IND
CLLR	P SALES	L	CLLR		L
CLLR	J SCUTT	L	CLLR		L
CLLR	K BOURKE	LD	CLLR		L
CLLR	D JENKINS	LD	CLLR		L
CLLR	L NETHSINGHA	LD	CLLR	B ASHWOOD	LD
CLLR	P CLAPP	UKIP	CLLR	P DOWNES	LD
CLLR	S RYLANCE	UKIP	CLLR	M LEEKE	LD
CLLR	P LAGODA	N-A IND.	CLLR	S VAN DE VEN	LD
			CLLR	P BULLEN	UKIP
			CLLR	S BYWATER	UKIP
			CLLR	P REEVE	UKIP
			CLLR	M TEW	UKIP

HIGHWAYS & COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE (17)

CLLR	R BUTCHER	C		Substitutes (up to 4 per group)	
CLLR	D CONNOR	C	CLLR	I BATES	C
CLLR	S CRISWELL	C	CLLR	P BROWN	C
CLLR	S FROST	C	CLLR	M MCGUIRE	C
CLLR	R HICKFORD	C	CLLR	J SCHUMANN	C
CLLR	B HUNT	C	CLLR	D GILES	IND
CLLR	J PALMER	C	CLLR	J HIPKIN	IND
CLLR	M ROUSE	C	CLLR	S VAN DE KERKHOVE	IND
CLLR	M MASON	IND	CLLR		IND
CLLR	N KAVANAGH	L	CLLR		L
CLLR	A WALSH	L	CLLR		L
CLLR	B ASHWOOD	LD	CLLR		L
CLLR	A TAYLOR	LD	CLLR		L
CLLR	S VAN DE VEN	LD	CLLR	K BOURKE	LD
CLLR	G GILLICK	UKIP	CLLR	E CEARNES	LD
CLLR	P REEVE	UKIP	CLLR	M LEEKE	LD
CLLR	M TEW	UKIP	CLLR	J WILLIAMS	LD
			CLLR	P BULLEN	UKIP
			CLLR	S BYWATER	UKIP
			CLLR	D DIVINE	UKIP
			CLLR	R HENSON	UKIP

REGULATORY

PLANNING COMMITTEE (11)

CLLR	D CONNOR	C	Substitutes (up to 4 per group)	
CLLR	B HUNT	C	P BROWN	C
CLLR	K REYNOLDS	C	S CRISWELL	C
CLLR	J REYNOLDS	C	M LOYNES	C
CLLR	M SMITH	C	M SHUTER	C
CLLR	M MASON	IND	D GILES	IND
CLLR	J SCUTT	L	J HIPKIN	IND
CLLR	B ASHWOOD	LD	S VAN DE KERKHOVE	IND
CLLR	D JENKINS	LD		IND
CLLR	S KINDERSLEY	LD	P SALES	L
CLLR	A LAY	UKIP		L
				L
				L
			E CEARNES	LD
			L NETHSINGHA	LD
			A TAYLOR	LD
			J WILLIAMS	LD
			P BULLEN	UKIP
			P REEVE	UKIP
			R HENSON	UKIP
			M TEW	UKIP

OTHER COMMITTEES

AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (7)

CLLR	J REYNOLDS	C	Substitutes (up to 4 per group)	
CLLR	K REYNOLDS	C	B CHAPMAN	C
CLLR	P TOPPING	C	J CLARK	C
CLLR	S CRAWFORD	L	A DENT	C
CLLR	M SHELLENS	LD	S FROST	C
CLLR	J WILLIAMS	LD		L
CLLR	R HENSON	UKIP		L
				L
				L
			P DOWNES	LD
			D JENKINS	LD
			L NETHSINGHA	LD
			G WILSON	LD
			P BULLEN	UKIP
			S BYWATER	UKIP
			P REEVE	UKIP
				UKIP

CONSTITUTION AND ETHICS COMMITTEE (11)

CLLR	D BROWN	C	Substitutes (up to 4 per group)	
CLLR	S FROST	C	A BAILEY	C
CLLR	R HICKFORD	C	M CURTIS	C
CLLR	M MCGUIRE	C	A DENT	C
CLLR	M SMITH	C	J WISSON	C
CLLR	J HIPKIN	IND	D GILES	IND
CLLR	J SCUTT	L	M MASON	IND
CLLR	S KINDERSLEY	LD	S VAN DE KERKHOVE	IND
CLLR	A TAYLOR	LD		IND
CLLR	P BULLEN	UKIP		L
CLLR	P REEVE	UKIP		L
				L
				L
			M LEEKE	LD
			L NETHSINGHA	LD
			S VAN DE VEN	LD
			J WILLIAMS	LD
			P ASHCROFT	UKIP
			S BYWATER	UKIP
			P CLAPP	UKIP
			S RYLANCE	UKIP

CAMBRIDGESHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD (5)

A BAILEY	C	Substitutes (one per position):	
T ORGEE	C	J SCHUMANN	C
J WHITEHEAD	L	F YEULETT	C
L NETHSINGHA	LD		L
S RYLANCE	UKIP	K BOURKE	LD
		P REEVE	UKIP

JOINT DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE CAMBRIDGE FRINGES (4)

CLLR	G KENNEY	C	Substitutes (two per position)	
CLLR	J REYNOLDS	C	A DENT	C
CLLR	B ASHWOOD	LD	T ORGEE	C
CLLR	J HIPKIN	IND.	L NETHSINGHA	LD
			A TAYLOR	LD
				IND.
				IND.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHARED SERVICES (3)

M MCGUIRE	C	Substitutes (up to 4 per group)	
I MANNING	LD	I BATES	C
P BULLEN	UKIP	S COUNT	C
		R HICKFORD	C
		M SHUTER	C
		D JENKINS	LD
		M SHELLENS	LD
			LD
			LD
		S BYWATER	UKIP
		P REEVE	UKIP
		M TEW	UKIP
			UKIP

JOINT DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE NORTHSTOWE (4)

CLLR	M SMITH	C	Substitutes (two per position)	
CLLR	J REYNOLDS	C	I BATES	C
CLLR	E CEARNES	LD	B HUNT	C
CLLR	D JENKINS	LD	B ASHWOOD	LD
			M LEEKE	LD

PENSION FUND BOARD (6)

CLLR	S COUNT	C	Substitutes (up to 4 per group)	
CLLR	R HICKFORD	C	B CHAPMAN	C
CLLR	J REYNOLDS	C	J CLARK	C
CLLR	A WALSH	L	M MCGUIRE	C
CLLR	M LEEKE	LD	M ROUSE	C
CLLR	P ASHCROFT	UKIP		L
				L
				L
				L
			P DOWNES	LD
			L NETHSINGHA	LD
			M SHELLS	LD
				LD
			P BULLEN	UKIP
			S BYWATER	UKIP
			P REEVE	UKIP
				UKIP

PENSION FUND BOARD INVESTMENT SUB-COMMITTEE (4)

CLLR	S COUNT	C	Substitutes (up to 4 per group)	
CLLR	R HICKFORD	C	J CLARK	C
CLLR	M LEEKE	LD	M MCGUIRE	C
CLLR	P ASHCROFT	UKIP	M SHELLS	LD
			P BULLEN	UKIP

[Note: Membership drawn from Pension Fund Board membership]

STAFFING & APPEALS COMMITTEE (11)

CLLR	P BROWN	C	Substitutes (up to 4 per group)	
CLLR	B HUNT	C	R BUTCHER	C
CLLR	J REYNOLDS	C	B CHAPMAN	C
CLLR	K REYNOLDS	C	A DENT	C
CLLR	S VAN DE KERKHOVE	IND	G KENNEY	C
CLLR	J WHITEHEAD	L	D GILES	IND
CLLR	P DOWNES	LD	J HIPKIN	IND
CLLR	L NETHSINGHA	LD	M MASON	IND
CLLR	S VAN DE VEN	LD		IND
CLLR	P BULLEN	UKIP		L
CLLR	P REEVE	UKIP		L
				L
				L
			B ASHWOOD	LD
			E CEARNES	LD
			I MANNING	LD
			A TAYLOR	LD
			P ASHCROFT	UKIP
			S BYWATER	UKIP
			S RYLAND	UKIP
				UKIP

SERVICE APPEALS COMMITTEE (3)**APPOINTED FROM STAFFING & APPEALS COMMITTEE AS AND WHEN NEEDED**

CLLR		C
CLLR		LD
CLLR		UKIP

COUNTY COUNCIL – 13th MAY 2014**APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN/WOMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN/WOMEN OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE AND SERVICE COMMITTEES**

COMMITTEE	CHAIRMAN/WOMAN	VICE-CHAIRMAN/WOMAN
General Purposes	Councillor Steve Count	Councillor Mac McGuire
Adults	Councillor Paul Clapp	Councillor Anna Bailey
Children and Young People	Councillor Joan Whitehead	Councillor David Brown
Economy and Environment	Councillor Ian Bates	Councillor Ed Cearn
Health	Councillor Kilian Bourke	Councillor Tony Orgee
Highways and Community Infrastructure	Councillor Roger Hickford	Councillor Peter Reeve

**COUNTY COUNCIL – 13th MAY 2014
APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

NAME OF BODY	MEETINGS PER ANNUM	REPS APPOINTED	REPRESENTATIVE(S)	CONTACT DETAILS
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority	3	13	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Councillor B Ashwood (LD) Councillor P Brown (Con) Councillor R Butcher (Con) Councillor S Bywater (UKIP) Councillor B Chapman (Con) Councillor D Giles (Ind) Councillor M Loynes (Con) Councillor L Nethsingha (LD) Councillor S Rylance (UKIP) Councillor P Sales (Lab) Councillor M Shellens (LD) Councillor M Smith (Con) Councillor J Wisson (Con) 	Democratic Services Room 114 Shire Hall Cambridge CB3 0AP
County Councils' Network Council	3-4	4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Councillor S Count (Con) Councillor M Leeke (LD) Councillor M McGuire (Con) Councillor P Bullen (UKIP) 	Lisa Wood Local Government House, Smith Square, London, SW1P 3HZ

East of England Local Government Association	1 minimum	1	Councillor S Count (Con)	Ms Celia Tredget West Suffolk House, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP33 3YU
Local Government Association National representative body of all Local Authorities	3-4	4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Councillor S Count (Con) 2. Councillor M Leeke (LD) 3. Councillor M McGuire (Con) 4. Councillor P Bullen (UKIP) 	Fatima de Abreu Member Services LGA Local Government House Smith Square London SW1P 4HZ

**COUNTY COUNCIL – 13th MAY 2014
ORAL QUESTIONS**

1. Question to the Chairman of the Highways and Community Infrastructure Committee, Councillor Hickford, from Councillor Chapman

What I'd like to ask, we've had a lot of concern locally in my town regarding the parking charge increases that have been put out to consultation. I would ask the Chairman whether he can take back to his Committee the unique difference between a market square and on-street parking, because I think much of the concern comes from the fact that in our market towns, market squares are being treated as on-street parking and the purpose is very, very different and the function is very important and different within those market towns. So I would ask the Chairman if he would agree to take that back to his Committee?

Reply from the Chairman of the Highways and Community Infrastructure Committee, Councillor Hickford

Thank you. With the 45 minutes I've been in post I haven't quite got up to speed with the remit for market squares and parking, but I will certainly take that back and look into it and get back to the Councillor.

2. Question to Councillor P Brown, Chairman of the Fire Authority, from Councillor Bullen

Thank you Chairman. I refer to the recent trip to the IBM conference in Las Vegas by an officer from the Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service. Bearing in mind that the original intention of the Fire and Rescue Service was to send three officers including the Chief Fire Officer, can Sir Peter please confirm to me what the total cost of the trip was and how much of that total cost was due to cancellation fees?

Reply from Councillor P Brown, the Chairman of the Fire Authority

Thank you, Councillor Bullen, and thank you for giving me notice of your question. The first point is I can't give you the information that you need because the conference only took place a week or ten days ago but I will get back to you as quickly as I can. It's fair to say that members of the Fire Authority have been fully involved in this issue. Only one member attended but we were taking three. The estimated cost of sending three officers was in the region of £6,000, so one can assume that the cost of sending one would be around £2,000. Mr Cressey is the IT Director at the Fire Authority and he was selected to go and he will be giving a full report on the conference to the Fire Authority meeting on the 5th of June. The responsible Finance Officer, Matthew Warren, is waiting for the statement to come in at the end of the month and he will then assess what the figures were and at that point I will come back to you; but I think it's only fair that the members of the Fire Authority actually have that information first.

3. Question to the Leader of the Council, Councillor Count, from Councillor Nethsingha

I would like to note that this is the first meeting of this Chamber since the introduction of the Committee system and that the Leader of the Council and some members opposite have expressed some concern about the Committee system leading to an inefficiency in the management of the Council. I thought it was worth noting that this meeting has been the shortest and best humoured meeting that I have ever attended of this Council. I wondered whether the Leader of the Council would like to welcome the new ways of working at the Council and hope that every meeting of the Council and Committee system will be as enjoyable as this one has been.

Reply from the Leader of the Council, Councillor Count

Thank you for that question and if you had given me some notice I would have probably prepared a fully flippant answer. But I think it is true to reflect when you look at the scoreboard up there and the agreement today, we will always have a shorter meeting when everyone agrees with what the Conservatives say.

4. Question to the Chairwoman of the Children and Young People Committee, Councillor Whitehead, from Councillor Downes

I realise it's unreasonable to expect the Chairwoman of the Children and Young People Committee to give a detailed technical answer to this question but I would like to raise it and would like to ask her if she agrees with me that we should welcome the recent announcement by the Government that the age at which children should start formal schooling will be more flexible and local Councils will have a greater discretion to allow children to start school at an age that is appropriate to them, rather than one that is driven by the calendar. It is very well established in this country and across the world that summer born children do less well academically than children not born in April to August. It is totally unreasonable that children's life chances should be dependent upon the month in which they were born. I was astonished that the summer born effect actually goes right the way through primary and secondary and even through university, believe it or not, and I understand even through premier league footballers as well, there is a lower proportion of premier league footballers who were born in that period. So there is a serious point and I think you would welcome it but with all good ideas there are complications and negatives and in this case there are complications about the financial and logistical impact of keeping spaces open for children who will join the classes later on in the year. So it's not without its problems but I think educationally it is right and I hope that when this comes up at the Committee you will look at it in detail and in principle welcome this move.

**Reply from the Chairwoman of the Children and Young People Committee,
Councillor Whitehead**

Thank you Chair and I would like to thank Councillor Downes for providing me with my initiation here. I think obviously yes it is something we should look at, there is a vast amount of research about this issue, psychological effect and things which have tried very hard to sort out what produces this effect and it isn't just the date which the individual starts school, there are other factors as well. But I certainly feel as a Committee we will look at this very, very seriously and obviously look at how much flexibility we might be able to introduce in the system to help children get the best start at school as they possibly can.

5. Question to the Chairman of the Constitution and Ethics Committee, Councillor Kindersley, from Councillor Whitehead

The question I have is related to the point I made at the last Council meeting about the lack of the Special Responsibility Allowance for the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board. This committee meets as frequently as all the service committees and in addition has a number of developmental days for Members of the Board and the many partners that are involved in this Board's work. It is a very complex committee and as a member of it I can certainly attest to the work that has to be put in by the Chair of that committee. So I would like to ask the Constitution and Ethics Committee to reconsider, or perhaps consider for the first time, as a lack of an allowance is probably an oversight, the position of the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board and if nothing can be done at this stage to change the situation I would like an assurance that when the allowances structure is reviewed next year the position of the Chair of this Board will be considered.

Reply from the Chairman of the Constitution and Ethics Committee, Councillor Kindersley

I think I'm going to dodge this by saying that the responsibility for allowances as I understand it is still vested in the Independent Panel to look at and for us to then almost always ignore every recommendation that they have made to us over the years that I've been a County Councillor. I imagine that is probably not what you want to happen, so I will certainly ask the Committee to give this some consideration in conjunction perhaps with discussion with the Chairman of the Independent Panel because I don't obviously so early on want to tread on anybody's toes.

6. Question to the Chairman of the Highways and Community Infrastructure Committee, Councillor Hickford, from Councillor van de Kerkhove

This question is on similar lines to Councillor Chapman's earlier and I thank him for his support in this. Regarding the proposed increase in charges to St Neots' market square for the parking, could I please ask the Chairman of the Highways and Community Infrastructure Committee to provide some information or something that would prove that some consideration was given to the impact that these charges would have actually have on our High Street, particularly on footfall and trade and please reconsider the decision as I do feel that the benefits of a healthy and thriving town far outweigh the revenue that this raise could actually generate and I certainly think that if it is approved it does show at best a lack of understanding about our market town and how it operates.

Reply from the Chairman of the Highways and Community Infrastructure Committee, Councillor Hickford

Thank you Chairman, my answer will be very much the same as before: please give me a bit of time and I'll get back to you.

7. Question to the Leader of the Council, Councillor Count, from Councillor Kenney

I'm concerned and this is a change we're going back to the old way. I'm concerned that the Lib Dem newsletters to the City might be at variance with the facts. Is it really true that the Lib Dems negotiated the City Deal bringing a billion pounds to Cambridgeshire by themselves?

Reply from the Leader of the Council, Councillor Count

Thank you Councillor Kenney and thank you for advising me of the question. I did really want to see where this was coming from and what was going and as we can see, this is the Liberal Democrat piece of paperwork, where the Lib Dems secure a £1 billion City Deal investment for Cambridgeshire, in fact it said they led on it. We are light touch today and I don't want to see a real change back to the petty, pontificating politics that we have seen before, but I do think it would be useful if we looked at the facts behind that thing. It's clear that the Liberal Democrats in the City were the table, alongside the Conservative-controlled County Council and the Conservative-controlled South Cambridgeshire District Council and the three of them went to Government in London to the Conservative/Lib Dem coalition. A deal between all of them. The £1 billion in itself, it uses the past tense 'negotiated', whereas in fact the City Deal is £500m. £100m is negotiated, with two further tranches of £200m each that have yet to achieve the triggers to get them, and there is in the wind, the offing, that maybe this will trigger further investments of £500m. So it is quite a flawed piece of work in my humble opinion, whether it is enough for a political review post-election, I mean that is for other people. It does underline the fact that despite the collegiate way we've all been working today, there are party political differences between us and some things we will be able to agree on, but sometimes when we find ideas that are an anathema to us we will expose them and perhaps if it continues in not such a nice friendly, warm touchy feely (as Nick Clarke used to say) fashion.

8. Question to the Chairman of the Adults Committee, Councillor Clapp, from Councillor Orgee

Thank you Chairman, I did give some warning of this question before the meeting. It is a serious question. With our budgetary constraints in mind, how do you see demographic change impacting on this Council? Now I realise that is an important question that really has consequences for this Council going forward and Councillor Clapp, we will all be interested in the answer you will give, not necessarily today but in due course, because this goes to the heart of the problems facing the Council: that is the budgetary situation on one hand with delivering the services that we want to deliver on the other hand.

Reply from the Chairman of the Adults Committee, Councillor Clapp

As I have been in post for such a short time, I have a meeting with Adrian and his colleagues and obviously when I have the answers that you need I will get back to you on that.

Supplementary question from Councillor Orgee

Just to say that the answer will be of sufficient interest to all the Councillors, I just ask if it could be conveyed to everyone because this does go to the heart of the problems that we face in the forthcoming year.

9. Question to the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee, Councillor Count, from Councillor Jenkins

Members may be aware that they go online and have access to information about the Council's financial transactions, which is all very positive and in the interests of transparent and open Government. However, if they were to look at April of this year there are apparent anomalies and if you dig in deep the implication is that we didn't pay a lot of our major creditors during the month. So I have asked Steve about this and he assures me this is because we uploaded the wrong file and I'll accept that as an honest explanation for what has happened. My question is, will the correct file be uploaded soon and can I be informed when it is?

Reply from the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee, Councillor Count

I thank Councillor Jenkins for advising me of this because the actual details were very complex. There were a number of bar charts and millions of pounds here and millions of pounds there and I took one look and thought, my God, how am I going to answer this? So I passed it on Chris Malyon and he had a look and he thought well, that seems to be rather odd, and it all boiled down to, as Councillor Jenkins said, the wrong file was simply uploaded onto the internet so the wrong information was out there. So I have reported back already saying that's the reason and I did believe it was in the email and it was going to be rectified within the next few days but if it wasn't in the email I apologise for that as well. It will be an imminent change so the correct information is out there and I will ask the officers to inform you directly as soon as that change is made.

Supplementary question from Councillor Jenkins

In his speech he talked about Cambridgeshire being a shining light, he talked about LGSS being a number one choice for shared services and if he didn't actually say it he implied that he wanted to set standards for open and transparent democracy and I would just like to challenge him going forward can we ensure that the data which in future is being uploaded adheres to those principles, that we don't see mistakes which are unnecessary and that files that are available for downloading are ones that can be easily worked on for those people who for some reason wish to work on them.

Reply from the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee, Councillor Count

In terms of the open and transparent way that we do business, it is our desire to have everything 100% perfect all of the time and it is with regret when we expose any mistakes whether they be human by nature or whether the computer is set up the wrong way and the computer says no, it is always regrettable and we always strive for improvement. We do set KPIs (key performance indicators) in that kind of sphere to try and improve our outturn and performance and I'm sure that the new General Purposes Committee will keep a close eye on them to ensure that services are performing to the best of their ability. As a subtext, we do have the Digital by Default strategy for the County Council that we are rolling out but there are two strands of that, both the way that the public deals with us, it is in a world where digital is becoming increasingly fashionable and usable whilst we recognise that everybody can

use that it is becoming our method of choice. So it is important that when we use digitalised media that we get it right, so the short answer is yes.

10. Question to the Leader of the Council, Councillor Count, from Councillor Reeve

Having welcomed the new Leader of the Council in the new role, because it's a very much changed role, could I take this opportunity before his diary fills up to ask him if he would be willing to come up to Ramsey to look at some of the very exciting projects we, our District colleagues and our Town Council have undertaken up there and to visit some of the new businesses that are opening on our High Street. We think we've got it right in Ramsey and we would like to sell our message and our pilot schemes to you and to the County Council, really highlighting best practice that's gone on as well as raising some of the residents' concerns with the new Leader of this very big institution, so one or two of them can perhaps look at what's gone wrong in the past and some of their concerns of from the past. Primarily we are embracing the new Leader and the new role and we want to really flag up that Ramsey's open for business and we want you to come and share that with us.

Reply from the Leader of the Council, Councillor Count

Thank you, Peter. We have 69 Councillors and I'm sure 69 people will want me to visit their communities and depending on how long you allow me to sit in this position I will make every effort to try and get out there over a period of time. Obviously not all overnight and in that respect I accept your invitation and we will arrange something for me to go out and look there because one of the things that I really want to look at in Ramsey was the forerunner of our Community Asset programme in the libraries sphere and this is an exciting project that we have been rolling out, the use of our assets by integrating with other partners such as the District Councils and offering a library service alongside maybe Revenue and Benefits is of benefit to the entire community, because instead of two budgets paying for two different things, we've integrated and we've managed to save some money. So I will be happy to come out and look at the other things that you have on offer but also the County Council-led initiatives that have taken place and grown up there as well. So thank you for that, Peter.

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WRITTEN QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 9.2

1. Question from Councillor van de Ven

On 9 April the Department for Transport released the results of a yearlong trial on the First Great Western franchise which allowed senior and disabled concessionary bus pass holders to receive 33% discounted rail fares on selected routes, off peak, without a railcard.

The trial sought to find out if people would be encouraged to make more use of rail services, and whether the scheme would create or lose revenue for the Train Operating Company. The results were very encouraging: a positive modal shift from car to rail was achieved, and rather than a loss of revenue the Train Operation Company gained revenue through the scheme.

In Cambridgeshire First Capital Connect has already agreed to approach the Department for Transport to query whether or not such a scheme could be trialed on some of its local services. Would the County Council be prepared to write to the Transport Secretary in support of a universal roll-out of this scheme?

Response from Economy, Transport and Environment Services

Any initiative that increases the use of public transport by any members of the travelling public is in keeping with County Council policy and the Council's objectives of helping people lead healthy and independent lives.

On the basis that the County Council is not required to administer the operation of this initiative or to fund, or otherwise underwrite, the discount provided to the passengers then it is considered that there will be no financial or other implications to the County Council of this initiative.

2. Question from Councillor Mason

I refer Councillor Bates to my statement made at Cabinet Meeting held on 28th October 2013 and to subsequent statements concerning the capital cost and maintenance, repair and operation of the Cambridgeshire Guided Busway. Will he now provide details of the nett cost of compulsory acquisition, maintenance, rental marketing, legal transactions including subsequent re-sale to the original owner, of the former Histon Station buildings and land. What are the annual running costs of the Longstanton Park and Ride bus passenger interchange (eco building) bearing in mind that this is currently locked and unstaffed for much of the normal time for bus operation?

Response from Economy, Transport and Environment Services

Histon Station Building

Following the public consultation in 2003 it was decided to demolish Histon Station Building and provide a car park to address local concerns about on-street parking by Busway users, although the transport modelling did not indicate that this would be an issue. In 2007 following a local campaign to save the station building Cabinet determined not to provide the car park and not to demolish the station building.

However by this time possession had been taken of the station building. Under the Compulsory Purchase Legislation should a property not be required for the purpose for which it has been acquired then it must first be offered back to its owner. The owner is entitled to compensation for their loss of rents etc. Negotiations with the owner have been protracted partly as a result of the impact of the recession on the commercial property market, and the property was finally returned to its owner earlier this year. There have been no reported problems with on-street parking at the Histon and Impington stop.

Costs:

Compulsory acquisition (compensation paid & surveyor's fee) £185,423.25

Maintenance (including rates and repairs as a result of criminal damage and theft) £25,469.04

Rental marketing (including tidying up of the site and cleaning and work to the building and additional security measures) £15,126.89

Legal transactions (legal fees only) £5,661.00

TOTAL £231,680.18

The Busway land budget included £500,000 for the purchase of the land for the proposed car park.

Longstanton Bus Interchange Annual Running Costs

All the costs of operating, managing, staffing and maintaining the Busway including the eco building at Longstanton, are met by the Bus Operators through the Busway Access Charges, so there is no cost to the Council for the eco building. The Eco building also has very low running costs as it generates electricity and benefits from the feed in tariff such that the energy costs are zero.

Water and sewage £316.99

Bulk bins emptying and cleaning materials £977.60.

Telecoms £350

Building maintenance £500

Sub Total £2144.59

Staffing costs £24,170

Total £26,314.59