

Hail Weston Parish Council Meeting – September 2021

Cambridgeshire County Council is funding a one year Community Action Programme from April 2021 to March 2022.

The programme hopes to establish a network of Community Flood action groups, creating flood action plans for communities to enact in the event of a flood. As well as providing a one stop shop for flood risk information, an improved flood reporting system which will be accessible from a smart phone

The A428 dualling between the Black Cat Roundabout and the Caxton Gibbet has entered the Examination stage of the Development Consent Order Application on the 18th August, this will last six months. You will be able to follow the scheme throughout the examination period on the Planning Inspectorate website. It is estimated the scheme will be completed by 2025/26 with the new dual carriageway between the Black Cat and Caxton Gibbet ,becoming an extension of the existing A421. The existing A428 will be renumbered, between the Great North Road and Cambridge Road, it will become the A1428 and between Cambridge Road and the Caxton Gibbet it will become the B1428 ie an extension of the existing B1428 through St Neots.

Cambridgeshire Libraries are looking for feedback from residents on why they value their local library service as part of Libraries Week which runs from Monday 4th October to Sunday 10th October, to take part in the survey go to <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/6HSTQX/>

A new consultation has been launched by the administration into After School Clubs Transport run by Special Needs Schools. Locally this will affect the Samuel Pepys School in St Neots and the Spring Common Academy in Huntingdon. The annual average cost per Student is £1350 which is in addition to the cost of transporting them to and from school. The consultation will be based on proposals to review the provision of free transport to the five After School Clubs with effect from September 2022.

The County Council is now in the process of looking for a New Chief Executive. The new administration have stated that this post will only cover Cambridgeshire County Council and will not be a shared position with Peterborough City, along with all future executive positions. This is likely to result in higher costs for the County Council.

Joseph Hudson's replacement as the local Highways Engineer is due to start shortly following training.

The County Council has now moved into The New Shire Hall at Alconbury Weald.

Highways England are asking for your views regarding the A14 between Ellington and Thrapston. I would urge all Parishes to engage with their route strategies process, if you want grade separated junctions or deceleration lanes through the

purchase of land to remove the at grade junctions with no slip roads:

<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/our-work/our-route-strategies/>

You have until the 30th November 2021 to feedback your views on

<https://routestrategies.highwaysengland.co.uk/>

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me

Kind regards

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Cllr Ian Gardener

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