

Spaldwick Parish Council Meeting – March 2021

COVID 19

The County Council would like to remind people that if they need help during this pandemic, they should go onto either the County or District website's or phone the Countywide Hub on 034504552.

In the Kimbolton & Spaldwick area in the last seven days there have been 0-2 people tested positive for Covid 19 therefore the rate per 100,000 population is not applicable

The latest information I have on the Coronavirus in Huntingdonshire for the period from 10th March to 17th March, is that there were 108 new cases over the last seven days. Which equates to 51.1 cases per 100,000 of population. This is a decrease of 23% compared to the previous seven days. There were sadly however 4 more deaths in the last seven days, which were within 28 days of a positive test.

From the 8th March all pupils have been asked to return to face to face teaching in schools and colleges. Since the peak in January, levels of coronavirus infection have declined both nationally and locally, which lead to the decision that pupils could return to school. The County Council Education Team will continue to monitor infection rates in schools and the wider community on a daily basis so that immediate action can be taken to manage outbreaks and stop the spread of the virus. If any Parent or Guardian be concerned about any aspect of this please speak to your school.

With regard to Flooding HDC & CCC are engaging with other organisations to review the recent flooding events. To identify what could have been done better to support our communities in the event of a flood and what actions can be taken to reduce the risk of flooding, to date we have had meetings with the Environment agency

The County Council declared a Climate and Environment emergency in May 2019. The County Council published its Climate Change and Environment strategy and action plan, which was adopted in May 2020. The objective is net zero for Cambridgeshire (the area) by 2050

50% reduction in Scopes 1&2 by 2023 , Scope 1 is heating our buildings or fuel for our fleet vehicles, scope 2 is from the purchase of electricity.

50.4% reduction in Scope 3 which is indirect emissions as a result of our activities but out of our control , ie staff own vehicles

Plus a Net 20% increase in biodiversity across all Council assets by 2050

The New County Council Hub at Alconbury Weald will be known as ' New Shire Hall' and will open in September 2021 and is anticipated to come in under budget. Solar

Panels will be placed over the Car Park at the new Hub to provide Charging Points for electric vehicles and the building will have Solar Panels to provide Electricity.

Shailesh Vara and I have been liaising regarding the improvement to the junctions on the A14 between Ellington & Bythorn/Keyston due to their lack of slip roads or short slip roads and poor visibility. As a consequence a meeting has been organised with Highways England on Friday 26th March at 2pm. Each Parish Council will be able to send a representative. Shailesh's PA will be sending out invites on Monday

Easton PC have asked me to request a barrier for the footpath adjacent to the A14, which I have done, but Highways England have asked the following questions

How many use the path on a daily basis

Has the number of people using it reduced since the opening of the A14 Bypass

Are there any public rights of way / cycle networks linked to this footpath

Level of correspondence I have received

The County Council is going to improve signage at the Stow Road & High Street junction to direct traffic left towards the A14 for both directions.

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

Kind regards

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Cllr Ian Gardener

County & District Councillor for Alconbury & Kimbolton