

Councillor Tim Hill's Report to Stewartby Parish Council

- For 21 Sep 17

Meetings

- I am currently planning to attend this Parish Council Meeting.

Parish-wide Issues

- **Environment Agency starts consultation on Environment Permit draft decision for the Covanta Incinerator** – No great surprise that this is the first issue on my Report. All on-line objectors to the Covanta Incinerator should have received on 11 Sep 17, an e-mail notification from the Environment Agency. The e-mail gave notice that the Environment Agency is now consulting on its draft decision to give the Covanta Incinerator an Environment Permit.
I am gutted that the Environment Agency is minded to give an Environment Permit for this monstrosity. I am reviewing the documentation with Liberal Democrat Council colleagues to draft a full and detailed objection.

Local Issues

Since my last Parish Council Report, I have amongst other local issues progressed the following raised by residents, sometimes with the **valued help and support of the Parish Council:**

Stewartby:

- **Sir Malcolm Stewart Homes double glazing of 25-78** – I have chased the Trust Bursar three times on the progress of this. I have yet to receive a response.
- **Speedwatch sessions** – At our most recent session, I regret to say that of the 163 vehicles logged by the team of volunteers as driving from the direction of the C94 to the village, 27 vehicles were logged as speeding when they were just west of the entrance to Kimberley College. I must record my thanks again to the three volunteers. We worked really well as a team.
- **Parking during large events at the Village Hall** – I have received further complaints from Churchill Close residents about inconsiderate parking by attendees at large events at the Village Hall. I have forwarded these complaints to Nicky Chaplin as the Bookings Secretary and Nicky has kindly progressed the issues with the hirers.
- **Bus service for Hansons Reach** – I successfully asked the Borough Public Transport Team to include a bus stop for Hansons Reach.
- **Retail Centre on Hanson's Reach** – I'm pleased to report that the developers have submitted a planning application for a Retail Centre on Hanson's Reach. The last I heard it was still to be validated.

Kempston Hardwick:

- **Used Car Dealer at Chimney Corner** – The site owner has been issued with an Enforcement Notice. The Notice takes effect on the 13 Oct 17, giving two months from that date to cease the use of the land for motor vehicle sales, motor vehicle storage and preparation of motor vehicles for sale.
- **Brickmakers Arms site meeting** - I met on site with a representative of a potential developer of the site. The developer wants to build a small power station that will be used to provide extra capacity to the national grid as and when needed. Borough Highways and I had raised several objections to the original application, which was then withdrawn. At the site meeting, I was pleased to see that the developer has addressed my previous concerns on issues relating to noise, layby access, how the site looks, mud on the C94, proximity to the Marsh Leys homes, vehicle movements and lighting.
- **Overgrown bushes and shrubs** - Borough Council Officers have cut back some overgrown and overhanging bushes between Railway Cottages and the Chimney Corner junction. These are not

in Council ownership but at Tim's request, Council officers have agreed to get their contractor to do a more thorough job.

- **Double Yellow Lines at Kiln Road by BCA** – I objected to a proposal by BCA to install double yellow lines on Kiln Road. I have concerns regarding the inevitable displacement of inconsiderate parking to surrounding residential areas. I arranged a meeting with BCA representatives. I successfully suggested a three month trial after whereby BCA would suspend customer accounts should they receive residents reports of those customers inconsiderately parking.