

Councillor Tim Hill's Report to Stewartby Parish Council

- For 19 Oct 17

Meetings

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

Parish-wide Issues

- **Environment Permit draft decision for the Covanta Incinerator** – After work by BACI and MMAG, the Environment Agency has extended the consultation deadline to 7th November 2017. To view the documents, please access the following link: <https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/psc/mk43-9ly-covanta-energy-limited-1/>. To make responses, follow the link above, or alternatively send an email to: pscpublicresponse@environment-agency.gov.uk

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:

- **Hansons Reach Phase 2** – Persimmons has submitted a detailed planning application for Phase 2 of the Hansons Reach development. Please see Application 17/02295/MAR on the Borough Council Planning Portal for further details. When submitting comments, please bear in mind that it was given Outline Planning Permission in 1997. This planning application is for the small details of the development and whether the small details are in the spirit of the Outline permission. If the small details don't, I will be objecting to this application.
- **8,300 houses south east of Stewartby** – As verbally advised at your last meeting, in its response to the East West Rail consultation, Central Beds Council has suggested that one option for funding a new railway station in the local area is the development of a estate of over 8,300 houses just south east of Stewartby. Mayor Dave Hodgson, has formally written to Central Beds Council objecting to the crazy plans.
- **New shop on Hanson's Reach** – I am pleased to report that Persimmons have submitted a planning application for a "local centre" on the land at the junction Of Kiln Drive and Clay Avenue. This will not only give a focal point for the Hansons Reach community, but it will also increase the retail choice available to all the village residents. Please see Application 17/02267/REM on the Borough Council Planning Portal for further details.
- **Dropped kerb to village green bridge** – Local residents with mobility issues, have been in touch with me asking for a dropped kerb on the village green, opposite the Marston Vale Middle School by the bridge over the pond. I have raised the request with Borough Highways, asking them to contact the Parish Clerk to discuss this.
- **Sir Malcolm Stewart Homes double glazing of 25-78** – It seems the Trust Bursar has had some technical problems with her e-mail account. My thanks to Marion for letting the Bursar know I have been trying to contact her. The Bursar rang me and advised the Trust has engaged a specialist Project Manager for this work, especially as they are now including the listed bungalows at 1-24.
- **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.

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. I have now been informed that the site owner has appealed against the Enforcement Notice.

- **Brickmakers Arms site meeting** - The developer has submitted an application for a small power station. I believe they have 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.
- **Double Yellow Lines at Kiln Road by BCA** – BCA wanted to get double yellow lines installed on Kiln Road to stop the parking by a large number of their customers on the verge. I was concerned that should these be installed, the parked cars will be dispersed outside local residents' houses. I arranged a meeting with BCA Managers to see if a viable compromise could be sorted out. A trial of the double yellow lines was suggested and local residents could report offenders to BCA. After much thought, I let BCA know this trial wasn't viable as lifting the double yellow lines would scar the road surface and I don't believe there is sufficient commitment by BCA to take immediate action on offenders.
- **Weeds on footpath** – I have asked the Borough Council to spray the weeds on the footpath from the railway bridge to the end of Railway Cottages.
- **Roundabout now open near Greenlakes Rise** – I am pleased to see that the roundabout near Greenlakes Rise is now open. The roundabout will make it safer for Greenlakes Rise residents to enter and leave the estate, whilst ensuring a smooth flow of traffic on this busy road.