

**County Council Report** for Hemingford Abbots PC 18.5.22 - is as follows:-

### **Budget & Underspend**

The new joint administration has set a balanced budget for the forthcoming year with just short of 5% increase, with 3% of that allocated to adults & young people social care.

### **Adults & Young People**

These areas continue to be the areas of greatest demand on the council services. They have long been under funded and it is hoped that the additional ring fenced charge already mentioned will help in this area.

### **Communities & Social Mobility and Inclusion**

This is a diverse committee that deals with many areas of social need throughout the County and also areas such as the libraries and hostels for victims of domestic abuse.

### **Highways**

Unfortunately despite the fact that it looked otherwise we still do not have a full time Highways Officer allocated to the division. It's something I'm not happy about and have complained to Senior Officers who are trying to resolve the issue but there seems to be a shortage of Highways Officers in the country!

### **A1307 / A14**

There are still some legacy problems to be dealt with and these are being slowly resolved. Interestingly many if not most of the trees that have been planted along the new A14 appear to have died. The County Council recently passed a motion asking Highways England to sort this issue out. I am still pushing CCC to have the slipways off of the A1307 into Hemingford Grey and Fenstanton re-surfaced. I have recently been advised by CCC that National Highways still has responsibility for the road and until this is signed over to CCC it is proving difficult to get a time schedule for these to be done.

### **Flooding**

I have pushed via the County Council both Highways England and the Environment Agency regarding issues between Fenstanton and Hilton, around the new A14. This is ongoing and taking far longer than I had hoped for.

The County Council, as lead flood authority, has published its strategic flood plan which should go some way to assist in matters in the future.

Kind regards  
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