

Good evening everyone.

I am humbled to have been voted in once again as the county councillor for Soham North and Isleham. The support received was fantastic and I am very grateful to have the chance to continue to support the council and the town for the next four years.

Things have changed. The election result sees conservatives as the largest party on 28 seats but 3 short of being able to form an administration. As a result the Lib Dem led coalition has assumed power. So far they have held no committee meetings but have reorganised all existing to form new teams. I have been asked to be the spokesperson for Green investment and Environment and so far am delighted to see that the coalition looks set to continue the great work we started last term. This includes the ground source heat pump service for Swaffham Prior, the solar farm at North Angle Farm, Soham and the solar field adjacent Turners and Dh Smith to produce localised power for these factories to consume.

On wider matters I await the final design of local roads and suggested changes surrounding the station opening. I can also confirm that the trial holes for the high st tree project have at least been ordered.

The innovate and cultivate fund applications for applicable causes are now open and I would encourage this council to look at these for possible sources of funding for Local projects.

Finally for a month of very little activity the lateral flow test centre that has operated at Soham Town Rangers FC has now moved to Burwell Fire Station concluding here on 31st May. It was well utilised but as vaccinations have continued apace the demand for tests dropped.

I remain available for any ward member to contact in any issue, such as the contact received about a ditch issue on Brewhouse Lane, being investigated.

I wish your new leadership and committee every success and look forward to working with you all in the months and years ahead.

Kind regards

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