

CHAIR'S REPORT FEBRUARY 2026

65 BUS SERVICE

Thanks to sterling work by County Councillor Liam Beckett, emails that I and others sent to members of the Cambridge and Peterborough Combined Authority, the decision to remove the 65 Bus Service without any form of consultation has been stopped. The Offords and Great Paxton Parish Councils also protested, and we had immense support from Huntingdonshire District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council.

We have been promised that there will be consultation with Parish Councils and users of the service, but I hope that will be wider as I suspect that many do not use the service as it is inadequate. With the Council's support I will continue to pursue this.

ELECTIONS MAY 2026

Huntingdonshire District Council voted to proceed with the elections on Thursday 7th May 2026, the same day as the Parish and Town Council Elections. That will mean that in the unlikely event of a contested election for Buckden Parish Council the costs will be shared with HDC.

2026 ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

The Annual Assembly, which is technically the Annual Parish Meeting, must take place between 1st March and 1st June, and in Buckden it has been in May, after the Parish Council's Annual Meeting.

With elections on 7th May and the Annual Meeting of the Council on Tuesday 12th May it is proposed that the Annual Assembly is held on Tuesday 26th May.