

CHAIR'S REPORT JUNE 2024

Safety of Lithium ion batteries and e-bikes and scooters

Members will have received through The Clerk a request from Ron Bailey, who is a researcher for Lord Foster as well as the parliamentary advisor to Electrical Safety First.

He has asked for the Parish Council's support for a Bill being promoted by Lord Foster and Electrical Safety First. The First Reading was due on 5th June but because of the General Election they now hope that this will take place in July.

Although it is not for us to make amendments, I am sure that they will welcome any constructive suggestions for improvements.

Availability of email addresses

I think that we should be as open as we can be without randomly publishing our contact details. I have asked The Clerk that she should pass my email address on to anyone who specifically asks for it, not in a general "fishing" expedition. It is up to other Councillors if they wish to do the same.

Members of the public speaking at Council and Planning Meetings

I believe that it is reasonable to Minute the names of people who speak at our meetings. It is a procedure followed by Huntingdonshire District Council and recognises that those who trouble to show an interest in what we do are not just referred to as "a member of the public".