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re. Independent District Councillor's REPORT to the Over & Willingham AGMs 2024

Good evening ladies!

Please accept my sincere apologies for the tardiness of this report. As Cambridge's most celebrated writer of Science Fiction quipped, "I love deadlines. I like the whooshing sound they make as they fly by."

The Chairs have asked that these annual reports be kept brief. I hope this serves.

>>THREE THINGS I HAVE NOT DONE AS AN ELECTED COUNCILLOR FOR OVER & WILLINGHAM IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS

[1] I have not voted to increase Council Tax.

[2] I have not voted to increase Council House Rents.

[3] I have not voted to increase the remuneration I receive as a Councillor.

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[1] I have followed up on my commitment to resist the imposition of the HATED and IMMORAL CONgestion charge proposal. I reported to you last year that CONcharging was dead but not buried. The election of Paul Bristow as our Metro Mayor for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough - on a platform NEVER to permit such a taxatious atrocity - is the promised final internment.

[2] I have continued to work alongside local and national stakeholders to cry “Der Kaiser ist nackt!” at South Cambridgeshire’s omnishambolic Four Day Week “Trial”. Since my last annual update, Whitehall has announced that all District Councils everywhere will be dissolved forever. Is it significant that the authors of the total dissolution policy are the very same individuals tasked with going through SCDC’s affairs with a finetooth comb? Who can say?

[3] In addition to my casework for individual residents, I have continued to support our parish businesses, new and auld, on issues such as persistent and unpredictable road closures, licensing, and planning.

Finally, I wish to extend my congratulations to both of our newly elected County Councillors, extending every best wish for their terms in office. I look forward to working with them in my final months as your district councillor.

I beg to remain &etc.

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