

County Councillor Andy Graham February 2022 Bulletin Report-Woodstock Division

Tackley

Organising a top-level meeting to address the long-standing issue over Network Rail's closure of the railway crossing to address the issue of access to bridleway/public footpath for residents including equestrians. A clear timetable has been requested with a transparent process with options has been called for so that these natural gateways long established can be used once more. Temporary orders cannot continue indefinitely! Parish Council involvement and engagement seen as essential.

The Bartons

People's Overview Scrutiny OCC which I serve on has taken my suggestion to set up a working group to review the home to school's transport policy which will investigate inequalities and unfairness in the policy citing examples where there are exceptional villages and circumstances that determine free school transport and also sufficient transport capacity. Routing as in safe walking/cycling routes will be investigated. Review is well overdue.

I have given my wholehearted support for the 30 to 20mph scheme in the joint village scheme and look forward to it be accepted by the cabinet and scheduled for implementation.

The Bus Bartons bid to invest in an electric bus to replace diesel was announced at their AGM and I have committed from my councillor priority fund £1000 to support such an ambitious project.

Woodstock

Car Parking Solution

The launch of the public consultation is to begin on 7th March for 4 weeks, starting with letter drops to Woodstock residents, walk in exhibitions on Saturday 19th March 9.30 am-12 noon at the community centre, followed by Monday 21st March 6.30 pm-8pm at the Town Hall. On both occasions, OCC officers will on hand to answer individual questions and queries. The Town Council has been fully involved through the Woodstock Traffic Advisory and a presentation at the town hall and have backed this consultation.

The findings of the consultation will form part of the report to the Cabinet portfolio holder responsible for enforcement and on street regulations to decide. (The Car Park in Woodstock, Hensington Road is not part of the scheme as it is run independently by West Oxfordshire District Council.

Hill Rise and Banbury Road Proposed Housing Developments

Revised plans have been submitted by the developers and OCC highways continue to object to the Banbury Road site and I believe there are still a number of outstanding fundamental issues related to the increase of numbers, traffic movement and intensity, pedestrian safety on the A44 and traffic intensity issues which are not sustainable. West Oxfordshire is the planning authority for these developments and all comments and objections should be placed there.

The lack of infrastructure will be intensified, and the impact felt by all residents and I will continue to work to resolve this with my fellow councillors. However, further potential development at the Bladon roundabout just off Shipton Road and though part of Cherwell District Council has the potential to make matters worse.

Bladon

The widening of the path is complete and greater and easier accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists has been vastly improved on this stretch of the A4095. Happy to have ensured this work was scheduled and completed.

Stonesfield

30mph to 20 mph is now virtually completed and in place.

Sandford St Martins

Some additional work is being undertaken to complete the drainage alleviation needed to mitigate the flooding. Working in partnership with Sandford House and the local Cricket Club is ongoing and good progress is in place.

Kiddington

The yellow backing to highlight the reduced speed on the A44 has been put in place and local residents are reporting a slowing down in traffic speeds.

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