

Councillor Andy Graham September/October report

Happy to support the village travel network in developing the Local, Cycling, Walking Improvement Plan otherwise referred to as the LCWIP involving the villages of Wootton, Combe, Stonesfield, Tackley, Bladon, Combe and Fawler

Woodstock

1. Car Parking Improvements-County Council Consultation as the regulatory authority for on street parking

Woodstock Town council has been informed of proposed changes to improve the current car parking scheme through Oxfordshire County Councils statutory function and regulatory function/responsibility and as a consultee. Anyone can additionally respond to this consultation as specified in the consultative documents to be found on the OCC website.

Over the past year the county council has received largely constructive suggestions for reviewing and improving the scheme and this consultation is a response to many of those suggestions and that of officers. The consultation is open until October 25th. The responses will then form a report to the cabinet member, Andrew Gant for determination later in November at County Hall. If approved these will be implemented in early 2025.

The links to these documents for this consultation can be found using the following link: [Consultation documents | Woodstock - proposed parking restriction review 2024 | Let's Talk Oxfordshire](#)

2. Health Infrastructure Provision

The planning meeting of the Future Oxfordshire Partnership where the BOB and ICP were present to discuss the future local provision of medical healthcare and how local authorities could and should work in partnership in addressing health care provision through planning more strategically across Oxfordshire.

A meeting in which I chaired.

A task working group has been set up to bring back proposals and how section 106 monies could be prioritised and used.

Related to the need of a new Health Centre for Woodstock and surrounding areas and related to Hensington car park site as a potential site was held with all ket stakeholders last year and was not considered feasible.

This was not a public meeting and exploratory. It was a way of focusing on a preferred site and was worth exploring.

I believe the ex-police station site is now in new private ownership having previously been owned by Blenheim and there are plans for a residential care facility.

There has been some speculation about Banbury Road as a future site for a health centre but no firm plans.

I think both the Facebook posting and comments made by others are somewhat confusing and largely anecdotal with some out-of-date information.

The need for a new health centre has been on the agenda for many years, even before I was a county councillor , and I remain committed to working with others towards finding a successful outcome. It is not hover, the function or responsibility of the county council but I am using whatever influence I can yield to bring potential partners together.

3. Councillor Priority Fund

Pleased to report the recommended financial support to enable singing sessions for older people in and around Woodstock for the next 12 months. Thanks to St. Mary's Church for their support too to enable this worthwhile activity to be continued by the dedication of those involved.

4. Remembrance Sunday

I have been asked to represent the county council and lay a wreath by the Chair of the County Council at the memorial service on Remembrance Sunday in Woodstock.

Combe

1. Flooding and highway repairs

Pleased to report the occ highways engineers and remedial work has been carried out have been making progress in addressing the maintenance and flooding issues related to Swan Lane bridge.(digging out the road/drainage grips along the road between the entrance to Combe Mill and the Swan Lane road bridge)

There are two issues outstanding: The cleansing of the highway drainage system between the railway bridge and the river bridge that drains into that land drain. The second is to recut highway drainage grips in the verge with the benefit of shedding water off the carriageway into the adjacent ditch. (Area of focus around the entrance to Combe Mill).

The Cyclical Team colleagues at OCC can pick this up as part of their wider highway drainage cleansing and grip cutting programmes. This matter is now moving forward at being satisfactory resolved

2. Councillor Priority Fund

Pleased to be supporting the promotion of the Combe Fair as a valued part of the long history and cultural activity at Combe

The Bartons

Supported parents in the Bartons in pursuit of their entitled free home to school transport largely affecting those children with SEND and needing transport to chipping Norton school and other specialists. This has been demanding and frustrating, but I have spent many hours acting on behalf of many parents to enable the support which is so needed is made available and actions taken. Each child is an individual and deserves access to education through appropriate provision being identified and acted upon. There are still some cases outstanding but in progress to which I am giving my 100% support.

Glympton

Pleased to lend support for the 30 to 20 mph reduced speed scheme through the village as requested.

I have attended as many parish council meetings as I can and report verbally to update particularly at Stonesfield, Bladon and Wootton parish councils.