**Cllr Dave Jackson report September 2020**

Thankfully, it has been relatively quiet over the summer recess in terms of District Council matters.

Locally the main area of concern in The Bartons has been blocked drains and potential flooding of properties, but these have been in Westcote Barton, by the bridge, in Sandford St Martin at the bottom of the hill down from the cricket club.  Thankfully, with help from Chris Grain, the Highways Officer, action has been taken.

There have been no local contentious planning issues that have been brought to my attention.  I have not heard of any update on The Mullins Museum proposal.  I am assuming that it will come before the full "Development Control Committee" when the detailed plans are submitted, as outline planning permission has already been granted.

Ironically, there is a special meeting of the D.C.C. on Monday in the afternoon, before the SBPC meeting in the evening.  The meeting is looking at the new proposed changes in planning rules that the government are keen to bring in. I have not read the full details yet, but I don’t think that the Bartons would be affected, as it seems to be major developments to expand housing around existing larger communities.  If there is anything worth sharing with you, I will mention it.

When I have been in contact with Chris Grain, I have mentioned the poor state of the white lines in the village A resident in Mill Lane has been particularly concerned about the "Give Way" triangle at the top of Kiddington Road.  Chris sent me a message that he hopes the white lines will be done by the end of October.  Fingers crossed!

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