Cllr Jackson report - October 2020

It has been a relatively quiet spell for WODC business.  There was no scheduled full council meeting in September, and the monthly Uplands Planning meeting at the beginning of October (where there were only two applications for discussion, neither in the Bartons) had to be abandoned as the live streaming to the public failed. The joys of technology!!

I made a point of contacting the Highways Officer, Chris Grain, to thank him for work that his department had done in the Bartons.  This included the white lining by the Alice Marshall Hall, up by the shop, and the yellow hatching outside the school.  I was also pleased with the swift action to tarmac round a "raised" drain near the top of Kiddington Road, as the water wasn’t actually going down it!!

I was talking yesterday (Oct 9th), to one of the county councillors for a neighbouring division, who had been in conversation with a high up official in the OCC Highways Dept. She was led to believe that the Highways Dept has already used up its annual allocation with only about half the financial year completed.

If this is the case, I think we have been fortunate to get the above-mentioned jobs completed.  If Ian Hudspeth is at the SBPC meeting, it would be helpful to pick his brain on this "rumour".