**Dave Jackson report – March 2021**

I have just had our regular fortnightly zoom meeting with the Lib Dem councilor group, and had a report back from our group leader, Andy Graham

WODC have set up a contingency plan for “surge testing” in case there is a serious Covid outbreak locally.   A list of staff on stand-by has been prepared, and WODC are liasing with neighbouring authorities if we (or they) need extra help.

The count for the local elections on May 6th is being staggered to avoid lots of people gathering in one location.  The numbers of people allowed to attend is being severely restricted.

Instead of counting the WODC elections on the Thursday evening, it is being held on Friday 7th.   The OCC elections are being counted on Sunday 9th, and the Police and Crime Commissioner elections on the Monday.

In the Bartons, I have been made aware on two separate occasions of accidents caused by the problems with flooding and drains on the nasty bend just past the allotments on the Holt road.  I had reported the concerns to Chris Grain the) CC highways officer, and he asked for an emergency drain jetting.

The team came on Friday 6th March, and I went up today (Sunday 8th) to see the effect.  Unfortunately, the flood is still there, and Chris asked me to report back, which I have just done. I am told that they might put a camera down, and if it is a collapsed pipe, that would suggest some more drastic work.

If I get feedback before the meeting, I will update you.