



**County Councillor Andy Graham reports on progress in Getting Things Done
in
The Woodstock Division for September / October 2021**



Bulletin 13

Woodstock

Traffic Advisory Group

County Officers: Mike Wasley - Road improvement scheme and highways repairs update; Nathalie Moore - Burford Bridge update and Jim Whiting - Parking

Woodstock Parking Scheme

Officers presented the initial ideas, as commissioned by me, to address the parking issue in Woodstock following my informal consultation with business and residents with the added input of local Councillors.

The issues of residents parking scheme, rationalising the hours of parking, enforcement and churn together with the wider picture of the roles of the authorities and other key stakeholders were discussed resulting in officers redrafting the ideas into a comprehensive plan to be put to town councillors in November. The District Council will also receive this plan.

The authorities will then decide how to implement the scheme once the costs have been agreed which will include the consultation/engagement with the people of Woodstock with a view to the scheme being introduced in 2022 and monitored on an annual basis and improved.

This is a real start in a process to resolve long awaited problem.

Great collaborative work from the many at the WTAG.

Action

Woodstock Town Council to consider revised scheme at November meeting

Issues on the A44

Town, District Councillors and I walked the spine of the A44 at the end of last week to determine appropriate signs and other measures so that a scheme can be finalised and put out to public consultation before implementation.

This is a partnership approach and it is important to get it right and to maximise “buy in” to a scheme which puts safety as the highest priority.

Completed.

Thanks to Mike Wasley OCC, Cllrs: Elizabeth Poskitt Julian Cooper (District) and Mathew Parkinson and Jo Lamb (Town) for their invaluable contribution.

The scheme will be drawn up over the next few weeks for the Town Council. Consideration may need to be given as to whether this should be a 2 stage implementation process due to the costs involved and the reducing speed to 20mph potential scheme that could be incorporated.

Black Prince Improvement Works up date

Action

Investigative work (trial bores) to the Black Prince bridge area are to commence on Friday 8th October

Blenheim Palace Horse Trials Traffic Congestion Incident

Traffic snarl up and impact on the saturday of the Horse Trials event had a major impact on Woodstock, Begbroke, Bladon and Yarnton (in particular) as a result of an unprecedented number of cars arriving for the event and a lack of traffic management to adjust to the conditions on the day.

A meeting was held by the County Council leader and officers and myself to assess how this can be avoided in future

Action

Officers at OCC to receive traffic management plan for 2022

Bladon

The need to start a ‘reducing speed to 20 mph’ scheme will be further advanced with a street walk along the A4095 with parish councillors on Wednesday 13th October to map out options.

Action

The parish council need to formally pass a motion for a reducing 20 mph scheme to be drawn up and then officers will be asked to formalise a definitive plan with costings.

Stonesfield

Attended the White Horse public meeting (which was very well attended) in the village hall on Saturday.

This was supportive and encouraging - demonstrating a commitment to see The White Horse opened and a community involvement for when it opens.

Councillors are equally supportive of the campaign and will continue to offer to help the owner in opening it.

Councillors, however, will not allow any contravention of planning breaches and will be monitoring the situation with WODC officers

Wootton

Work is commencing to remove the boulder in the public footway in Wootton and it remains closed by a traffic order and ramblers/walkers are advised not to use it until it has been removed.

Action

This is scheduled to happen during the month of October.

I have asked WODC at the request of the parish chair to quote to remove the weeds in the streets of the village even though this is a parish responsibility.

Action

Parish Council to liaise with WODC to agree the quotation and schedule the works

Kiddington

Made a personal visit to see the clerk who has not held a meeting in decades.

Met with residents on the A44 cross roads to Kiddington village where most traffic exceeds the 50mph.

Exploring the reduction of traffic speeds with yellow backing speed limit signs and a gateway construction to draw attention to motorists.

Action

Officers investigating

Tackley

Flooding

Work on excavating the basin to enable more flood water to be collected at the bottom of Rousham Road has begun at the beginning of October.

Actioned

Rousham Road and overhanging trees in Lower Road

I visited Rousham Hall and a team had been out and trees had been cut under instructions of the county tree specialist. This will improve the state of the highway.

Actioned but to be monitored

Twynhams Road

Having met with residents to see first hand the state of the road, officers have been out and done a few pot hole fillings.

I have subsequently asked for a costing of the road to be micro asphalted as a possible solution to the serious deterioration.

Whilst there is no funding for this in this current year, I am active looking at other ways to find funding

Action

Costings awaited but I will be keep residents up to date once I have a costing in the next few weeks.

The Bartons

I have raised the issue of a review of the homes to school policy so we can improve the current scheme at the new People Scrutiny Committee.

Action

Review to be actioned

Sandford St. Martin

Good news for Sandford St. Martin: a plan is now in place as another partnership success story involving collaboration with OCC officers to resolve the flooding in the centre of the village.

I have been briefed upon the detailed work and it is finally 'on the radar' to be done. I will post the schedule once it has been programmed.

Action

Officer to schedule the works

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