

Councillor Andy Graham – June report

Wooton, The Bartons and Combe

Really pleased to see the efforts rewarded when approval was given to the 30 to 20 mph schemes from The Bartons and Combe. Glad that OCC recognised the first class efforts of the parish councils and all credit is due to them.

Looking forward to seeing and approving Wooton and Bladon in the next few months.

Happy to be working with Woodstock Tackley and Kiddington in preparation for the 2nd round.

Woodstock

Plans for the Health Centre and Library options are now in high level discussions with the key stakeholders for Woodstock and that now is my next priority and where efforts will be focussed to bring about a long overdue and much needed infrastructure.

Home to school Working Party is now set up and due to meet 22nd and 27th July. I have been appointed chair and welcome views of parents that I can get the working party and officers of OCC to address so that we can look at improvements to the policy which could mean recommendations to cabinet and council for implementation. Please contact me via andy.graham@oxfordshire.gov.uk and happy to meet parents if the demand is there.

General County Council headlines

ANPR: Oxfordshire is one of the first places in the country to be given extra powers to enforce traffic violations using ANPR. It is the first time anywhere outside of London and Cardiff have been given these powers.

Vision Zero: Following the tragic deaths of cyclists in Oxfordshire, the county has adopted 'Vision Zero', a vision to eliminate road deaths and serious injuries in the county. The decision adds weight to efforts to improve cycle and walking infrastructure and reduce speeds

Bus improvements: The cabinet approved a plan to improve bus services and use the £12.7 million Oxfordshire secured from national government. The plan includes cheaper fares for under-19s, 2 new rural services (around Didcot and Bicester), and bus priority improvements and traffic filters (in Oxford). Improvements to bus stops, real time information, and the quality of buses are also planned. The plan will be consulted on with the Bus companies and needs government sign off.