

## County Councillor Juliette Ash REPORT- June 2021

1. Election on 6<sup>th</sup> May complete. Change of leadership and Cabinet. Expect some delays as new Cabinet leads get to grips with their new briefs. Induction programme for new County Councillors fully under way.
2. Cllr Ash requests that we minute a vote of thanks to former Cllr Anda Fitzgerald O'Connor for her public service as a County Councillor.
3. Cllr Ash introduced herself and offered the Parish Council an effective model for working together: "I am an efficient operator that is focused on getting things done. I would like to hear each meeting what your ongoing top 3 priorities are. With 17 parishes that will already give me a to do list of some 51 items although clearly there will be overlaps."
4. Cllr Ash also shared that she was pleased to have met the treasurer for KB news and intended to pass on useful information wherever possible via this means. For example, residents can pass on any issues with potholes via [www.fixmystreet.co.uk](http://www.fixmystreet.co.uk) which goes directly to the County Council & she has successfully tested it recently and it works well.
5. Vaccine update from OCC. Generally trending in the right direction with a steady decrease in new cases & no deaths or hospital cases.
6. On Covid recovery & local Govt face to face meetings, The Government has opened a 12-week consultation LOCAL AUTHORITY REMOTE MEETINGS: CALL FOR EVIDENCE to see if Cllrs and residents want to have their say or pass on recommendations they can. Cllr Ash shared that is encouraging all those in local Govt to complete it as whilst Face to Face meetings have their value, she thinks it will benefit Parish Councils and others to at least have the opportunity to conduct some official business via online means. It will widen participation from those with caring responsibilities and during for example the winter months Jan & Feb or holiday months is likely to enable increased participation levels. [www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-authority-remote-meetings-call-for-evidence](http://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-authority-remote-meetings-call-for-evidence) **CONSULTATION CLOSES on 17<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2021.**
7. Unauthorised encampments update: South and Vale. Nothing to report.

Persons living an alternative lifestyle in tents, caravans and converted vehicles, being because they wish to, or social economic reasons are increasing across the County. Though we will offer advice, documentation and experience. we will not be the lead authority in these matters unless they are Gypsies or Travellers. It is the responsibility of the owner or responsible person for the land that these incursions take place on.

8. KINGSTON BAGPUIZE SPECIFIC ITEMS:

P11.V0615/CM Keen to hear what is going on and the specific ongoing issues but have spoken to OCC officer Emma Bolster on 1/6/21 and can confirm that the recent release confirming extended planning permission relates not to recent activities, but the above planning case that went to the Council for approval (approval granted 19/10/20) but it has only recently been confirmed in the public domain as the associated re-rerouting orders have only just been signed by the solicitor acting on behalf of Swannybrook Farm. Cllr Ash has asked Emma Bolster to upload the new re-routing agreements as of today on to the website. The next phase will be about closely monitoring the vehicle movements of the two business on site to ensure they adhere to the agreed terms. OCC have extraordinarily agreed to 4 visits per annum (ordinarily only a large quarry would qualify for this frequency of visits by a monitoring officer) and residents and Parish Cllrs are kindly requested to pass on any concerns or flouting of the rules on the Council website:  
[tellplanning@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:tellplanning@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

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