

District Councillor Report: Kingston Bagpuize with Southhmoor Parish Council

June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

Firstly, my apologies for not being with you this evening at this is your first face to face meeting since early 2020

Following the appeal by the high court being lost the Vale like all other councils in the country have resumed face to face meetings,

The annual council meeting was held on 18<sup>th</sup> May, Margaret Crick continues as Chairman of the council and Jerry Avery as Vice chairman, cabinet membership and committee chairman remain unchanged. I remain on the climate emergency advisory committee but have stood down from the licencing committee but continue as an opposition substitute on all other committees

The return to face to face meetings will also apply to all other council committees, however in relation to planning committee, ward members, parish councils, objectors and supporters will be able to join the meeting virtually.

All meetings will take place at the council offices at Milton Park and will be streamed live via the councils You Tube network,

The next full meeting of the council is scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> July.

Work continues with the joint local plan with our colleagues at South, in relation to local planning issues, I am mindful to call in the 11 Rimes Close application, in relation to the new young person's centre I need to drill down further on the plans as I want to ensure that the building will be as carbon free as possible.

I note OCC have approved the retrospective application at Swannybrook Farm, which I am sure you like me am disappointed with. there has been no action so far on Vale enforcement issues, I will be contacting the team on this subject later this week

A briefing meeting is being set up for local Vale members with the consultants working on the Frilford junction improvements no date has been set and work is at an early stage.

The Climate Emergency Advisory Committees next meeting is scheduled for later this month. The first of a series of Town and Parish forums took place last month and ward members have been asked for comments and feedback from parishes in their wards that attended, so please let me have them.

Non collection of waste continues to cause problems in the village, I am in regular contact with the officer team as why this continues to occur. I am aware that Biffa have a shortage of HGV drivers, but I do not think that is the root cause of the issue here.

Cllr Eric Batts

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