

Appendix 1
District Councillor Report : Cllr Eric Batts

Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Parish Council
1st November 2021

Firstly, my profound apologies for not being present this evening, as I did state in my October report that I would be at this meeting. However, I have to attend a non-council meeting tonight which is not scheduled to finish until 8,00pm , I will as the clerk and chairman are aware be attending the Remembrance day event and be present at your December meeting but give advanced notice I will not be at the January meeting

Vale Wide Matters: Covid cases continue to give concern both in the Vale and across Oxfordshire both councils and the local public health bodies urge residents to take care and if they think they have symptoms to get tested and implore people who have not been vaccinated at all to do so.

Councilors Covid Grant Scheme: This has now closed but local organizations who are still giving support to Covid vulnerable groups can apply for funding via the community enablement scheme Communityenablement@southandvale.gov.uk

Dalton Barracks: You will be aware that as part of the current local plan the Vale and MOD have entered into a partnership scheme to develop part of the area for housing. The Vale are now seeking your views on the proposed scheme to make your comments please visit the Vales website .

Closure of OCC Recycling Centers: Both the site at Stamford and Drayton will be closed during this month for a couple of days. Drayton on 9th& 10th and Stamford on 11th &12th

Joint Local Plan: Officers continue to brief members on the progress of the plan. As I have said previously as soon as I get site of areas within the parish submitted by landowners and developers for possible development, I will inform you.

Tree Planting on Vale Land: Council at its meeting on October 6th October approved of this scheme which encourages local groups with Vale owned land in their area to get involved with them planting trees on this land

CIL Revised Scheme: As mentioned last month's council have now approved the revised scheme and schedule of charges. Full details of which can be found of the Vale website.

Ethical Standard and Good Governance Training: The councils new monitoring officer has been running briefing sessions for members on these topics over the last few weeks and is also

rolling them out to Parish Councils. I encourage members to attend if and when the dates are announced they are very useful and informative.

Village Deep Cleans: I understand that the waste team are resuming this project shortly

Garden Waste Collections: The service has resumed and should be operating as normal, however please let me know of any problems with missed bins or area of non-collection.

Matters In Relation to the Village:

Planning: I am led to understand that the application for the site east of the village is likely to be resubmitted either before the end of the year or early next year, The applicant is working with both Vale and OCC officers, at the time of writing I am not sure if the revised application will be subject to another full consultation or just consultation or the revised matters. However, as I mentioned last month there will be no CIL contributions from the site and whatever happens I would imagine it will be well into 2022 before we have a final decision.

Still nothing further to report on the Young Persons center, however I do note that as yet OCC highways have not commented and I will try and find out why. From the case officer.

Bullocks Pit Lane: Enforcement are on the case with the non-compliance of conditions in relation to the walkway, the problem appears to be that there is no evidence of a signed legal agreement between the developer and OCC that compels the developer to construct the walkway. Once such an agreement is found or signed then enforcement can take action on non-compliance of conditions.

Corne Motors: I have been asked to re investigate the planning application to establish whether they are allowed to sell cars. As the approval in relation to the Coop included the redevelopment of workshop area which has not been constructed. Which included the non-selling of cars I need to establish if this is enforceable on what remains of the original garage .

Sports Pavilion: I am still hopeful that the request for the draw down of the 106 funds will come to full council in December, however as I have mentioned before it will also need cabinet approval however there is only one cabinet scheduled be for December council,

Anti-Social Behavior: Residents report the return of such behavior in Bullocks Pit Lane which they have reported to the police I bring it to your attention to make you aware and if residents report it to you point to towards the Police

Closure of Witney Road for sewer works, lot of concerns from residents about this in particular the proposed diversion route both myself and residents are raised this with Highways we can only hope they have taken them on board and drivers will follow the official signed diversion route.

A415 Speed Limit Consultation: OCC are at present seeking comments on the proposal to reduce the speed limit between the village and Frilford.

S6 Bus: The service has been suffering disruption due to the major roadworks around Swindon and the numerous accidents on the A 420, Whilst there is very little I can personally do, I have raised concerns expressed to me with the bus company by residents about non shows of buses and asked if they can improve how they communicate delays to travelers. I have also asked them to ensure villagers are made aware of the service diversion during the closure of Witney Road.

Please contact me if you have any questions or wish to discuss in more detail items raised in this report

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