

## Brickhill Borough Councillors Update June 2018 From Wendy Rider and Charles Royden

Report to Parish Council June 2018

**Grass Cutting** Summer so far has been warm and with a fair amount of rain early in the season the grass has grown very quickly. Grass cutting is going well across Brickhill but please let us know if you see any areas missed and we will have the areas attended to.

**School Crossing Safety** We are concerned about the safety of children crossing Kimbolton Road. One of the problems is the lack of people offering to take on duties as school crossing patrols. If you know of anybody who might consider this then please let us know.



**LED Lighting** The Council is coming to the end of the 5million replacement programme for LED lights. If you see any old lights which have been missed please tell us so that we can have them changed.

**Potholes and Resurfacing.** We asked for attention to Tyne Crescent and that has now been resurfaced at no cost to the council. Potholes are being filled after the winter and we asked for attention to the car park at Avon Drive shops which is severely damaged at the entrance and this work is now taking place.

**High Court Injunction.** we are assured that this has been placed before the court and we are waiting for the wheels of justice to turn, they are very slow and we need to prevent travellers on Waveney Green.

**The no-verge parking zone in Moriston Road.** We have been asked to extend this to cover both corners of Rede Close and we have asked officers to progress this.

**Parking Restrictions.** Following requests from residents we have asked for parking restrictions in Waveney Avenue, Pipit Rise and Ashmead Road. These will be advertised soon.

**Begging at Brickhill Shops.** We joined residents in making representations to the police over aggressive begging from people who lived in Brickhill. The police have taken action and this has now stopped.

**Bottle Banks.** The bottle banks have been upgraded at Brickhill Drive and Avon Drive shops and so hopefully there will be an end to the overflowing issues we have seen previously.

**Vermin Issues.** We have been concerned about reports of vermin and we have reported the instances to BPHA, Places for People, Anglian Water and the Council. Hopefully quick action can nip the problem in the bud.

**Manton Lane Improvements.** We are pleased that Manton Lane is the first hot spot to be tackled in the Transporting Bedford 2020 project to tackle congestion across Bedford. This is the largest ever investment in town centre roads which will see major upgrades to junctions and traffic signals, including a de-trafficking of the High Street to improve shopping and boost the town centre economy. Manton Lane proposals include traffic light controlled junctions and an additional lane to ease traffic at the school.

**Stagecoach Bus Services.** New buses have been brought to Bedford to help tackle the issues of reliability and punctuality. Services are better but not right yet, we are keen to hear from residents about any ongoing issues as they arise so that we can take up the problems with Stagecoach.

We will continue to work hard and keep you informed through regular deliveries of FOCUS, surgeries and our website where you can sign up for our Brickhill newsletter. [www.puttingbrickhillfirst.com](http://www.puttingbrickhillfirst.com)

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