

Brickhill Borough Councillors Report November 2019 From Wendy Rider and Charles Royden



School Parking

We have been looking carefully at the problem of unlawful parking outside our schools and have asked officers to progress preventative measures. The zig zag lines at the entrance of Scott have not yet been introduced and we have asked for these to be prioritised. These will then be enforced by camera when these are installed, we expect in this financial year. Charles has been out with enforcement officers issuing fixed penalties. He was threatened by one parent who was parked on zig zags outside Scott and who threatened to run him over. Sadly this is the level of ignorance which is displayed by some parents who risk the safety of their own children as well as others. We have also asked officers to consider double yellow lines in Hawk Drive which is becoming blocked by cars.

At St Thomas More we have asked for consideration on the introduction of an exclusion zone. This would give fines to anybody driving in or out of Kennet Rise who was not authorised to do so. Officers have held preliminary discussions with the school.

Unlawful encampments

We have been pleased with the quick response from council officers following our request for ditches to be dug around Brickhill Green. The government has a new consultation in place which we hope will attract attention from residents who have suffered enough from this unlawful and criminal activity. Links to the consultation document will be available on our website www.puttingbrickhillfirst.com

Trees

We have received numerous complaints from residents regarding tree growth impacting upon their properties. We always try to work with residents and the council to achieve good outcomes for residents and trees. We are currently submitting requests for sights for new trees to be planted and making sure that these are of an appropriate species for the locations chosen.

Transporting Bedford 2020

We are closely monitoring work on Manton Lane, which is expected to be finished before Easter 2020 as will the work on Britannia Road. Please consider the work on the High Street and pass on any comments which you may have.

A6 Wilstead

“The A6 past Wilstead is currently being rebuilt with extensive work on the project already complete. This stretch of road was originally built in the 1970s, but had become too dangerous for normal road use after its foundations had collapsed. During on-site testing it became clear that the existing drainage system was in a much worse state than pre-work surveys and testing indicated, with the wrong type of pipe used in the original construction and unsealed joints between the pipes. This means that the ground has been saturated with water over the years which caused movement in the road and the large cracks that has been appearing in the road surface. As a result, the design has had to change to ensure the strength of the new road foundation, with more failed material having to be removed than was

expected, and more extensive repairs to the drainage system required. This extra work means the whole project will take longer, with an expected completion date of the end of March 2020. We apologise for the inconvenience these extra works and resulting delays will caused to residents who use this stretch of the A6 and who live in nearby villages, and a leaflet was delivered to residents in the area to make them aware. It is crucial that we do this job right and that the repairs to this road are fit for the long-term future.

National General Election

In case you missed it on Thursday 12 December 2019, a General Election is being held across the country. To vote in this election, you must be on the electoral register. If you are not already registered to vote, make sure you do it by Tuesday 26 November 2019. It's quick and easy to register to vote. You can register to vote online by visiting the Council's website www.bedford.gov.uk and going to General Election 2019. This snap general election is taking place in under 6 weeks. This is the third election in Bedford Borough this year, so we know that lots of people will already be registered to vote and ready for this next election. But if you've recently moved or not got round to registering to vote yet, please make sure you register by Tuesday 26 November, and make your voice heard. If you are not able to vote in person on Thursday 12 December, you can still apply to vote by post or arrange to have somebody vote on your behalf by proxy. Make sure you apply by 5pm on Tuesday 26 November for a postal vote and by 5pm on Wednesday 4 December for a proxy vote, by visiting the Council's website at www.bedford.gov.uk and going to General Election 2019.

Bromham Railway Bridge

The bridge has now been demolished and the new bridge has been partly delivered and will be in place soon. we receive regular updates and believe that work is progressing well.

As your local councillors 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

Wendy Rider, 23 Orwell Close, 01234 03254 wendyrider41@gmail.com

Charles Royden, The Vicarage, Calder Rise, 01234 309175 charlesroyden@gmail.com