

## De Parys Borough Councillors Update to Brickhill Parish Council

September 2023

*Following ward boundary changes in May 2023, the area of Brickhill Parish that falls within De Parys Ward is best summarised as Brickhill Drive, Robin Hill, Rooksmead, Mallard Hill, and Eagle Gardens and Goldcrest Way.*



Councillors Henry Vann and David Sawyer

**Drug dealing and anti-social behaviour.** We have been pushing the police to take more concerted action on the drug-dealing taking place up cemetery hill between Foster Hill Road and Manton Heights. They have increased their patrols, but please keep reporting any issues so that they can take action. We have also asked for the council to use their mobile CCTV to investigate these issues.

**Encampments.** In addition to Waveney Green there was an encampment in Bedford Park car park, using up disabled bays and causing difficulties for residents. This has now been cleared and we will ask the council to consider an injunction similar to those in Waveney Green and other areas.

**Tennis Courts.** The Conservatives have pressed ahead with plans to close the nine Bedford Park Tennis Courts which are free to use and replace them with three pay-to-play courts. Whilst the investment from the Lawn Tennis Association is welcome, the loss of any free court space is not and we will be pushing for free courts to be protected

**Cleaning of footpaths.** Resident have raised the issues of footpaths not being cleaned in Mallard Hill. We have asked the council to get this sorted.

**BPHA garages update.** With BPHA proposing to build garages at the back of some houses in Rooksmead, we have asked for an update. The work will be going out to tender in October, so we do not expect work to start this year, and we have asked them to be better at keeping residents informed about their plans.

**Ward Fund.** We are awaiting suggestions for ward fund items for this year and will consider the Christmas lighting in Brickhill Drive once costs are known.

### Surgeries in September and October 2023

- Chiltern Avenue Shops, Saturday 9 September 1pm
- Fox & Hounds on Goldington Road, Saturday 9 September 2pm
- Brickhill Drive Shops Saturday 16 September 10am\*
- Brickhill Drive Shops Saturday 14 October 10am\*
- Shaldon Court Saturday 14 October 1pm
- Budgens Saturday 14 October 2pm

\*shared with Brickhill Ward Borough Councillors

**Email communication.** We do try to keep residents up-to-date with developments in the ward area with our email list as a quicker alternative to FOCUS. If you have not yet signed up for this yet then please do so as this is the best way for us to keep in touch with local news. We won't bombard you and you can unsubscribe at any time. Sign up here

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