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**Brickhill Borough Councillors
Charles Royden & Wendy Rider**

Borough Cllr Update To Brickhill Parish Council

Grant Palmer Buses

It was disappointing to read that the Number 21 bus was being stopped from October 1 by Grant Palmer. This effectively leaves Woodlands Park without public transport, as whilst there is a No22 service this is only a once a day service, three days a week. We have asked Bedford Borough Council

- What the Borough Council is doing to fix this for residents?
- What is happening to the support funding which was allocated?
- What conversations are taking place with Grant Palmer to resolve the issue?
- If any government BSIP or other funding is being made available by the council?

We will advise residents on the outcome of the response and any actions being taken by the council to address the problem. Peter Blakeman has kindly updated his timetable which is available on our website www.puttingbrickhillfirst.com. We are also grateful to Peter for his public support and published letter concerning the No21 cancellation which made important points about the failed performance of the service which led to reduced public use.

Road and footpath repairs

We are compiling a list of roads and footpaths which require resurfacing. Some of these are roads in which residents have approached us for attention, or where petitions have been received from residents, such as Rhineland Way. We would value support from Brickhill Parish Council by sending to the Borough Council Highways Department a list of roads and footpaths which the council believes require attention.

Trees Planting and Maintenance

We have met with council officers to request tree planting in roads across Brickhill where we have received requests from residents. These will be planted in the coming season between October and March. We have also requested the removal of a number of dead trees in places such as Wentworth Drive (in parish), Martin Close and Hindburn.

Woodlands Park

We continue to push for action on a range of outstanding issues relating to the care and maintenance of public areas. We were pleased at the action taken to clean up the Ashmead Road car park but there are numerous requests outstanding and we are following these up. The adoption issue complicates many areas of concern including such matters as the lack of functioning street lighting in Crispin Drive.



The council have agreed to conduct a survey of the balancing ponds to determine what action can be taken to restore these to a proper condition given the excessive invasion of growth. We have also highlighted to growth of trees and other plants in the drainage ditches which requires maintenance.

Bollards Tyne Crescent. Following our repeated requests the four bollards on Tyne Crescent have now been replaced with new units.

Street Nameplates. We have requested new street nameplates for Wansbeck Road and Stour, as these have become very degraded.

School Parking

With the start of the new term residents have complained about dangerous parking around schools. We have attended with council officers and extra patrols have taken place as a consequence. We have agreed and funded additional pavement parking restrictions and yellow lines on street corners of Frome Close, Itchen Close and Blythe Close to assist in prosecutions for dangerous parking. We have also requested additional bollards to prevent pavement parking outside Scott Primary School.

Falcon Avenue Wildlife Corridor

We have had vegetation cut back along the wildlife corridor and off public footpaths. We have also asked the council to look at a proper programme of maintenance for this area which looks neglected.

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We would be pleased to meet you at our surgeries

Brickhill Drive Shops Saturday 14 October 10.00am

Avon Drive Shops Saturday 28 October 10.00am

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