



Update for Lyneham and Bradenstoke Parish Council October 2020

Wiltshire Council

COVID-19

Wiltshire Council is now in Recovery phase, although we are ready to spring back into action should Lockdown be reintroduced. There have been a couple of local outbreaks which have been managed in accordance with our Outbreak Management Plan.

The Wellbeing Centre number is still active but most staff have now returned to their normal posts.

Our main offices and public buildings are still closed to the public since Lockdown with the majority of our staff working from home.

We have recommenced many of our Council meetings virtually using Microsoft Teams.

We are administering a number of grant schemes on behalf of businesses.

A tool kit with a range of resources to use in the community was sent to Members and town and parish councils last week.

Lime Kiln Leisure Centre re-opened on September 7th.

RWB Library is now open under controlled measures.

Discussions are taking place about re-opening Lyneham library.

My Wiltshire App

The updated My Wiltshire App is now live.

Area Boards

Our first virtual Area Board was held on September 30th, with good feedback from local COVID response volunteers.

The focus over the next few months will be on local recovery.

Parish Steward

There have been a few difficulties with the Parish Steward scheme over the past few months.

There is now a new Parish Steward in place so hopefully things will improve from here on in.

Consultations

There are no locally relevant consultations at present.

Local

MoD Lyneham

Welcome to Major Iain McDavid who is the new community liaison

The new light controlled pedestrian crossing by B Site is still awaiting commissioning. It has been delayed due to a number of technical difficulties.



Road Issues/CATG

Lyneham (Dauntsey) Banks road surface has become defective once again. Emergency works are planned for later this month.

The defects are primarily caused by the geology of the land, however the costs of maintaining the road are of concern to Wiltshire Council. We are considering other ways of managing the traffic on The Banks and will include public input.

A virtual CATG was held on October 7th. There are currently no Lyneham and Bradenstoke requests in the pipeline, however I have been approached by a Bradenstoke resident reference a 20mph speed limit through Bradenstoke village. This would need to be discussed by the Parish Council first, and I have advised the resident to contact the Parish Council in the first instant.

Police

A local consultation was held last month in both Lyneham and Bradenstoke. The main issue raised was speeding traffic through Lyneham on the A3102.

Youth

Wiltshire Council has a duty to provide Positive Leisure Activities for 13-19 year olds and provides funding through the Area Board.

The Parish Council previously co-funded youth sessions at the Community Centre using CMAS as a provider. CMAS is no longer operating in Wiltshire and these sessions have stopped. Amy Dallimore continues to provide an excellent range of activities for young people, however the Area Board is concerned particularly about young people's mental health and well being at this difficult time. We are looking to employ the Rise Trust to hold some half term Youth engagement sessions to scope out any future needs for our young people.

Chippenham Road area.

The White Hart area has been tidied up.

Wiltshire Council will be sending out a team of Parish Stewards to blitz the roundabout and de-weed other areas.

No further update on the Greenfields Estate extension.

Lyneham Village Hall

The Village Hall has had a condition survey done and there is a lot of work to be carried out over the next few years. I am helping the Management Committee with funding sources and linking them with local residents who have relevant expertise. If anybody knows of any funding pots that the Village Hall can tap into I am sure that they would be happy to hear from you.

Bradenstoke Solar Farm Community Benefit Fund

The AGM of the BSFCBF will be held virtually on October 22nd. The most recent project funded in Lyneham is the revamped Memorial Garden which looks amazing thanks to the hard work of a small number of local residents.

Details of all grants can be found on the website

<https://www.bradenstokesolarfund.org/>

If anybody knows of any worthy projects, do please let Frank Ball or me know.

Planning

No sign at the time of writing of the Green Farm appeal being registered with the Planning Inspectorate.



MoD /DIO Notice to quit for private tenants

In September, the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) gave Notice of Possession to a number of private renting tenants across the UK. The current arrangement DIO has with Annington Homes, who own the houses and lease them back to DIO, is that houses have to be handed back with vacant possession. This affects 64 homes in Lyneham.

Whilst this is a private issue between landlord and tenant, there are ramifications for Wiltshire Council as we have a responsibility to prevent homelessness.

I have been working hard with all concerned to help our residents.

Together we have pressured the DIO into extending the notice until September 2021, which gives us some breathing space to explore other options to help these residents.