



Update for Lyneham and Bradenstoke Parish Council February 2024

Wiltshire Council

Area Boards Meeting

The next Area Board meeting will be Wednesday 13th March 2024 at Lyneham Primary School. This is the final Area Board of this financial year.

We will be hosting the Highways Matters event, so would encourage people to come along to gain a better understanding of the challenges and opportunities faced by the Highways Team at Wiltshire. This will be followed by a short business meeting primarily to determine grant funding applications.

Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG).

The next meeting will be 8th May 2024, location to be determined.

Community Safety Forum

At the February meeting we welcome Chief Constable Catherine Roper who updated us as to progress within Wiltshire Police and answered questions from those present.

Notes will be circulated in due course.

Next virtual meeting will be Friday 8th March 2024 where our speaker will be from the new Wiltshire Police Burglary unit.

Banking Hub

The temporary banking hub is up and running in the RWB Post Office. Work on the permanent hub, which is in the front of the former Post Office, is well under way. They hope to open March/April 2024.

A3102 Safety Works

A number of residents have contacted me with questions about the tree removal along the A3102. Details of the project may be found here:-

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/8458/A3102-Safer-Road-Scheme#:~:text=We%20have%20been%20granted%20nearly,been%20awarded%20%C2%A36.98m.>

This is ring-fenced money. The Council is responsible through it's Highways Maintenance budget for road maintenance outside this project. The Bobcat has been around filling a few potholes on the A3102. Plenty more to go though!

Council Tax setting.

Unlike many neighbouring authorities, Wiltshire Council is set to close it's financial year within budget, potentially with a small surplus.

The Council will meet on 20th February to set its budget and Council tax for the next Financial Year.

The proposal is an increase of 2.99% on the base budget plus 2% Social Care Levy. This is equivalent to an increase of £1.56 per week for people living in a Band D property (roughly £85 per year).

**Councillor
Allison Bucknell
Lyneham**



This increase is essential to meet the inflationary cost of services .

Local

Lyneham Banks

Tree clearance work has commenced on the Banks and the Construction project is out to tender <https://bidstats.uk/tenders/2024/W01/814088293>

A planning application is due to be submitted in March, to run alongside the tender process. I have asked for a meeting to be arranged with the local parish council representatives prior to the application being submitted (invitation sent for end of February).

Please use the email address lynehambanks@wiltshire.gov.uk for all correspondence..

Clack Hill road surface has taken a battering with the recent bad weather. I am awaiting further information as to what Highways can do to improve. Unfortunately the whole county highways system is affected and all councillors are demanding that their roads are high priority

Bradenstoke Solar Farm Community Benefit Fund

Details of all grants and the application process can be found on the website <https://www.bradenstokesolarfund.org/>

Flooding

Wiltshire Council Drainage team is working its way through all the flooding reports recently submitted. On site meetings will be arranged for local people to explain their flooding issues directly to the team. This is being done on a priority basis based on the number of properties flooded.

The Parish Council will have been notified of two potential assistance schemes (Babet and Henk). Please encourage any property / business that has been hit by flooding to register for help.

**Councillor Allison Bucknell
14th January 2024**