

Focus on Parishes with Cllr Bethia Thomas

Great Coxwell

July/August 2025

I hope the summer brings a chance to kick back and relax. During August the council doesn't meet often, and my diary often looks quite empty, but I will continue to follow up on any queries you may have about the parish and get back to you with any actions.



The Big Three

- **Traffic Lights at the A420 Junction:** As you may be aware preliminary designs have now been drawn up for the installation, and the planning obligation which secured them, specified that they were to be operational prior to the occupation of the site. This remains the case and highways officers are currently in discussions with Wain Homes to deliver these works in accordance with this planning obligation. It is understood, however, that the Wain Homes forecasted occupation of the site, and the completion of these junction works through the S278 process, will not accord with the timelines stipulated in the S106 agreement. Therefore, officers are working closely with the developer and our colleagues at Vale to find an acceptable solution, mindful of the safety and capacity implications of the junction. We have asked for further technical work to be undertaken by Wain Homes, to understand how the highway network is operating at this junction, given the period of time that has passed since the initial modelling was undertaken, establishing the requirement for the junction works. Once this work has been submitted, OCC will be able to review matters further in collaboration with the district. However, any variation to the delivery of these works will only be decided based on evidence which ensures the junction's operational performance is acceptable. I will be updated at the next FATAC meeting as well as other schemes including the speed limit changes in this area from 60 to 50 mph.
- **Resurfacing & Drainage:** I am still very conscious of the stretch of the B4019 between Badbury and Colleymore Farm, as well as the Holloway leading to Great Coxwell from the B4019. The county is collaborating with the district council on these issues. Officers met last month to discuss drainage and the condition of the ditches with landowners, on-site, involving representatives from the district council, the landowners, and our teams. They aim to establish a clear plan to address the drainage concerns effectively and then resurface fully; unfortunately, they are unable to provide a specific timescale at this time.
- **Wicklesham Farm:** Further amendments were submitted to planning officers last month, which prevented this application from being seen at July's meeting of the Planning and Regulation Committee. It has now been tentatively scheduled to be seen at the meeting on 1st September, at which I will submit a statement either in person or in writing, and surrounding parishes will be invited to contribute their views. If you are interested in registering to speak, details can be found at: [Planning and Regulation, 1st September](#).

General News, Grants and Consultations

Full Council, July 8th

- **Local Matters:** I had the opportunity to question the relevant cabinet members on the Adult Social Care S106 funds and how they are to be spent, and the future of the FAZE Building on the Highworth Road.
- **Food & Farming:** I also questioned the leader on the food policy at the county council; during the previous administration, it was decided to go 'vegan only', which I believe counters some of the principles of the Oxfordshire Good Food Strategy and does not reflect the rural nature of our county. As well as a revision of the county's policy I would also like to see the establishment of a "Food and Farming Champion".

All questions and answers are in the meeting's [Schedule of Business, Q25-27](#), though I am still waiting on written answers to submitted supplementaries. Full details in the [Agenda](#).

Cabinet Round-Up, July 15th

- Agreement on EOTAS Policy (Education Other Than At School) with input from parents.
- Connect to Work Programme, helping people into employment.
- Positive outcome and statistics from the council's climate change report.
- Discussion of the development of banking hubs across the county.
- Parking enforcement improvements to be seen a new contract.
- Funding for new capital schemes in the capital programme agreed.

Highways

- **Resurfacing the B4019 through Coleshill:** Please note that the B4019 will be closed through Coleshill for resurfacing on Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd September; 07:00 – 19:00hrs. There will be no access through the village, however, "The Radnor Arms" car park will still be accessible, and pedestrian access remains unaffected. This is purely a maintenance scheme so currently everything will be reinstated 'like for like' and a fully signed diversion will be installed routing traffic around the closure during working hours. *Please publicise this on your networks and newsletters.*
- **Gully Cleansing Programme:** Most of this work has been completed within the division although there have been some delays; for now, report any blocked drains to me directly.
- **Highways Maintenance:** [Planned, routine and reactive road maintenance information](#).
- **FATAC:** Will meet at 10.00am on Monday 15th September.

Consultations

- **2025 Residents' Survey:** [Consultation will end on 3 August.](#)
- **Tobacco Control Strategy:** [The survey will close on 10 August.](#)
- **Household Waste Recycling Centre Consultation.** [Open until 11 August.](#)
- **Proposed improvements to Coxwell Road:** [Open until 15 August.](#)

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