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Update for Lyneham and Bradenstoke Parish Council February 2023

Wiltshire Council

Area Boards Meeting

Our next meeting will be TUESDAY 14th March 2023 in Clyffe Pypard and Bushton Village Hall starting with networking at 1800, meeting proper starts at 1830.

Deadline for grant applications is February 14th 2023.

Apologies for the clash with the Parish Council meeting!

Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG).

Next meeting February 22nd 1800 via Teams.

The Parish Council has one priority request for dropped kerbs in Bradenstoke. The latest update is that unfortunately this will have to wait until after April for scheduling as Wiltshire Council is taking on a new contractor who will be responsible for implementing these projects.

Community Safety Forum

Next virtual meeting will be Friday March 10th 2023

Cost of Living

Wiltshire Council has a number of measures in place to assist residents where possible with the Cost of Living issues.

The Council has updated its web site with latest information

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/6665/Council-tax-benefits-and-financial-support>

The Wellbeing Hub is still available for those who need support, and the council is coordinating details of foodbanks and warm spaces.

James Gray MP has sent info regarding the scheme for park home residents to claim their energy grants. It looks as though they will need to complete an application form and the grant will be paid out by the local authority. This form should now be available by end of February 2023.

<https://www.gov.uk/get-help-energy-bills/offgrid-park-mobile-care-home>

Please note, this is not a Wiltshire Council scheme.

Local

Lyneham Banks

Clack Hill one way system installed, the main issues now seem to be motorists ignoring the one way system or speeding . This was raised by Cllr Green with at the Community Safety Meeting where it was explained that all reports either to 101 or direct to the local CPT are followed up. I have also been speaking to Morrisons about the number of delivery vehicles going the wrong way up the one way system. I am told that this was due to the delivery scheduling system and that a block has now been put on that route. This should also apply to Ocado.



The local Police have been asked again to take more action on both the 1-way system contraventions and the speeding.

Traffic monitoring was carried out before Christmas and the latest results are now available. There are no plans to change anything in Bradenstoke. As a result of the partial closure of Clack Hill there has been a significant increase in traffic on Bowds Lane and Trow Lane. Residents there are unhappy and have requested action there. The possibility of introducing a one way system there has been mooted, feedback has to be received by February 17th and the results will be shared after that.

The February Lyneham Banks newsletter has been published. This has caused some concerns among local residents as the indicative timescales have slipped back 6 months. The suggestion of a further village meeting has been made. At this point there is no detail that can be shared about the future options. Officers are happy to answer any questions, these can be sent to the lynehambanks email address and will get an answer. I have asked for the FAQ section to be updated on the Lyneham Banks web page. <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/6085/B4069-Lyneham-Banks>

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

Planning / Development

I am in regular contact with the project manager from Vistry for the Pound Farm development, most recently regarding mud on the road.

There are a number of planning applications in the area which have been awaiting a decision for some considerable time. I am chasing officers for responses.

Speed Indicator Devices

I recently met with Parish Council reps and Wiltshire Council officers to investigate potential sites for locating SIDs. This is an item on the Parish Council agenda.

Footway request - Hollow Way, Bradenstoke

I recently met with Parish Council reps to discuss a potential footway request for Hollow Way. This has been investigated many times in the past, the difficulty is that there is a pinch point which is not wide enough for a footway to be installed.

An option was considered previously which involved MoD land, this was flatly refused. Cllr Ball will ask again but progress on a footway relies on going onto what is currently privately owned land.

Bradenstoke Solar Farm Community Benefit Fund

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