



“Getting Things Done”

A vision for Woodstock Division

**A weekly bulletin covering the whole Woodstock Division from
County Councillor Andy Graham**



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Woodstock Town Council

Parking Scheme

I have commissioned officers to come up with a draft parking scheme for Woodstock, building on the informal consultations held with residents, business and various town, district and county councillors and officers.

The issues of a residents' parking scheme, rationalising the hours of parking, enforcement and churn, together with the wider picture of the roles of the authorities and other key stakeholders, have been considered.

This draft scheme will be presented initially to the Woodstock Traffic Advisory Group on the 30th September as the first stage in the process, to take account of views, modify where necessary and present to the Town Council for approval.

The authorities will then decide how to implement the scheme which will include consultation/engagement with the people of Woodstock with a view to the scheme being introduced in 2022, monitored on an annual basis and modified as seems appropriate.

There is no perfect solution, but this will be a real start.

Hill Rise and Banbury Road Potential Development

There are still deep concerns over these developments and officers have briefed me on the obstacles, particularly regarding the impact on traffic on the existing roads, access and pedestrian/cycle routes.

I have made it clear in meetings with officers recently that these “speculative sites” are not possible for development unless they enhance and preserve the sustainability of existing communities and address the infrastructure and environmental requirements needed for a healthy quality of life.

Much work still to be done

Issues on the A44

Town, District Councillors and I, with Officers will be walking the spine of the A44 through Woodstock at the end of September to determine appropriate signs and other measures so that a scheme can be finalised and put out to public consultation before implementation. This is a partnership approach and it is important to get it right and to maximise “buy in” to a scheme which puts safety as the highest priority.

Finalised scheme for improvements to the Black Prince bridge area are to be submitted by OCC highways officers to the Woodstock Traffic Advisory Group on 30th September.

Enforcement of no parking on the bus bays has been requested by OCC to WODC.. Residents/visitors have been using them to park their vehicles (day and night). This puts passenger safety at risk by hindering buses expecting to pull into these bays. This is not acceptable. Immediate enforcement is needed.

Clearing gully and pipe work on the A44 at Stratford Cottages has now been completed with the landowners clearing the ditches to avoid future flooding: a collaborate effort.

Village Active Travel Network

Attended, with officers, the meeting of this excellent parish council initiative to connect pedestrian/cycle networks and to consider developing and supporting the network as an exemplar of rural active travel in Oxfordshire.

Excellent collaboration between the villages. A further meeting has been set up in November to bring strategic partners on board to scope a plan.

Bladon

District Councillors and I have met informally with the parish council to address issues which include the need for reducing speed on the A4095. This process will be progressed.

Improvements to the cycle and footpath between Bladon and Hanborough will start this Autumn/ The footpath will be widened to prevent future overgrowth making the

path impassable. Officers have scheduled the work to be done in the coming months.

Stonesfield

Consultation on the 20mph scheme is underway with the results going to OCC Cabinet in November for signing off and then implementing the scheme by December 2021.

Stonesfield is the first of the villages in the division to get a 20mph scheme - reflecting the hard work and diligence of residents and councillors. Happy to have supported them.

District Councillors have been alerted to the Farley Lane development and the disturbance it is causing. They are talking to planners to find sound resolution to the problems of indiscriminate parking.

Combe

Visited and walked the village with parish councillors raising issues that need addressing. Number 1 priority is the reducing traffic speed scheme which OCC officers are now drawing up and costing to follow the lead set by Stonesfield.

Wootton

Visited the town council and helped them work with WODC over clearing the weeds - maintenance will be needed on a number of roads. (In progress)

The large immovable boulder blocking the bridleway needs to be cleared. Work has just commenced to break it up so the footway/bridleway is currently closed but will re-open by the end of October.

Tackley

Work on excavating the basin to enable more flood water to be collected rather than spilling on to the roads, will be undertaken at the beginning of October.

Rousham Road and overhanging trees in Lower Road

Officers will be visiting the site of the overhanging trees near Rousham Hall which are creating a dangerous highways issue and will ensure the trees are pruned.

Currently the trees cause a danger since cars using the middle of the road to avoid the branches face oncoming double decker buses doing the same.

The Bartons

Cllr Jackson and Parish Councillors have been working with Highways Officers to assist in determining a reduced speed traffic plan for The Bartons.

A scheme is now being prepared by OCC which will be presented shortly to the parish so that a Traffic Order can be set up and public consultation got underway.

Have been talking to OCC officers about allocating section 106 monies, not already used, to assist with the costs of the scheme. Excellent progress.

Sandford St. Martin

Simon Holloway and the Principal Drainage Officer are finalising investigatory work and drawing up plans to resolve flooding in the centre of the village and out on to the Ledwell Road.

Expecting budget/costs and scheduling of works soon

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