

Councillor Ian Corkin

Report for June Parish Council Meeting

LOCAL ISSUES

- **COUNCILLOR PRIORITY FUND:** As mentioned in recent reports the Councillors Priority Fund is now in place. I have a budget of £15,000 this year to use on projects that are important to local communities and where some degree of match funding is available. Applications are welcomed from PC's and community groups as per my recent email. I am meeting with the Launton Primary School next week to discuss a scheme they have in mind, but I would welcome applications or enquiries from other local groups, including the PC.
- **Oxcam expressway:** I attended a presentation from Highways England recently, which I circulated to all PC's afterwards. There is little to add to our current knowledge, but this needs watching very carefully indeed. The announcement of the "corridor" in July is the next significant moment.
- **East West Rail:** This continues to impact various areas of my division. We have had some success in influencing transport routes and a liaison group will be formed for the communities most affected.
- **A41 Safety Audit:** I have arranged an onsite meeting with traffic scheme officers and safety officers from OCC to discuss the section of the A41 that runs through my ward and in particular the various access points for the villages. I have forwarded an invitation to both Launton & Blackthorn PC to attend the meeting. The meeting takes place on at 2pm on Friday 14th June. Please let me know if someone would like to attend
- **Blackthorn Road Drainage:** Following complaints from residents I organised a meeting with County drainage officers to look at the problems with the drainage on Blackthorn Road. An action plan was agreed and I am now confident that the work will take place soon.
- **Road Surface Church to bridge:** Again, following feedback from residents and the parish I have chased through the resurfacing work required on this stretch of road. OCC have agreed that it is in a terrible state and the work will be done in the next 3 months or so. It is most likely to be September as a road closure order is required.
- **Joint Working with OCC:** I will send a separate update on this soon