

County Councillor Ian Corkin

Report for July Parish Council Meeting

Specific Issues

- **Traffic Issues:** Following an onsite meeting on the A41 with members of Launton and Blackthorn PC with officers from OCC a traffic survey has now been agreed to give an evidence base for further discussions re the speed limit through the area and possible changes to the layout of some of the junctions. I will keep the PC posted.
- **Launton School.** I met recently with Launton Primary School and I am awaiting an application to the priority fund to help with their ambitious outreach plans. I also discussed the school 20MPH signs and lights. The school are very keen on the idea. First steps would be the PC to cost up the proposal and request a traffic survey. An application to the priority fund to help fund the hardware would be welcomed. In the first instance contact Mike Wasley at OCC to spec out the scheme.
- **Hummingbird Centre:** We are organising a meeting with OCC officers to discuss improving pedestrian access to the centre.
- **Blackthorn Road Drainage:** Following an on sight meeting I had with a resident and drainage officers from OCC , the work has been passed to CDC contractors and should be completed by the end of July. They will be digging out the jammed jetting hose, this should clear the pipe allowing water to flow again and they will also be clearing the ditch up to the white village boundary fence, which will make an improvement to the drainage.
- **Bridge Road Surface:** As previously discussed this should take place by the end of September
- **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. (further funding details on the email I sent last week)
- **Oxcam expressway:** Highways England are expected to announce the preferred corridor later this month and we need to watch this very carefully
- **HS2 & East West Rail:** This continues to impact various areas of Ploughley division. Jnc 9 & 10 of the M40 will feature in transport routes for both HS2 and EW rail construction, so expect amendments around the junction to prepare it for increased HGV movements as well as major impacts on all the approved HGV routes.
- **HS2 community funds:** There are some substantial funds available for affected communities and I would urge the most affected to think big with their schemes. I am happy to help working up funding applications.
- **County Council and Cherwell District Council consider joint working** proposals to improve services. Oxfordshire County Council and Cherwell District Council are considering a proposal for shared service arrangements under a joint chief executive while retaining separate councillor bodies, budgets and decision-making processes. The principle of joint working was agreed by the county council's Cabinet and Cherwell District Council on

Monday 4 June and will go to full council for approval over the next couple of weeks

- **Oxfordshire's new domestic abuse service launched.** A new domestic abuse service for Oxfordshire launched on 4 June. The new service was set up by Oxfordshire County Council in partnership with District Councils and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for the Thames Valley. The service is designed to be highly inclusive to address emotional and practical support needs for any victim suffering or fleeing domestic abuse in Oxfordshire. It incorporates a single access point for victims and professionals, community-based Outreach Workers and Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVA) and includes specialist workers to support young people and Black Asian Minority Ethnic and Refugee (BAMER) communities. There is also a program to support victims with complex needs. Victims fleeing abuse will be able to access refuge in Banbury and in one other location, located in either Didcot or Oxford. In addition, the service launches a new model of refuge, delivered from dispersed locations across Oxfordshire, benefiting those unable to access conventional refuge services including male victims, victims with live in carers and families with older male sons. To report concerns, please use the A2Dominion ODAS helpline (0800 731 0055) or oxfordshiredomestic@a2dominion.org.uk