

DC report 20220615

Local Health Services

These continue to tax us on HOSC, the county health scrutiny committee, and I will continue to update you. GP access is a huge problem but is, in reality, a national one associated with GP and staff numbers. Some residents cannot use the e-consult system and need phone access. This is linked to rural isolation which affects a relatively small number of people but hits those with no private or public transport.

Covid cases are now rising again (increase of 400% in Oxfordshire between June 7th and 15th) and may increase further next winter.

My report on improving infection control in care homes was accepted and we have asked that the improved recommendations be forwarded to all county care homes for them to use them in addition to the gov.uk guidelines.

Building Control Regulation Changes

Profound changes are coming to new housing development under new Building Control Regulations. These will require all new housing from June 2022 to be fitted with PV (solar) panels and air-source heat exchange systems. Well, we should have started this with solar 10 years ago but better late than never.

Nature Recovery Forum

The second meeting between Parish Councillors and the experts took place on June 13th. The councillors attending the discussion will continue to meet online to see how best to take forward improving our local bio-environment.

Speeding

I am awaiting a copy of correspondence from the county councillor supporting our application before submission of the 20s plenty application.

Neighbourhood Plan

I have chivvied up the consultant a week ago to check our final submission and am waiting for a response. I mailed him again this morning.

Footpaths and Rights of Way

I have been in contact again with Andrew Peters of the Wasborough Estate about opening up the rural footpaths north of the village.

I have also spoken to John Gordon, Lydsee Gate who is a Ramblers member with some responsibility for footpaths and also takes an interest in Challow footpaths. I discussed with him about attending parish council meetings across the ward to talk about footpath recovery and what is required.

Cllr Dr Paul Barrow