

## **District Councillor Report for East Challow Parish Council January 10<sup>th</sup> 2024**

### **Airband**

Airband are currently working in the Hedgehill/Field Gardens/Reynolds Way, Letcombe Hill and Canal Way in the village. This has caused problems with some residents which has been discussed at a site meeting with residents, Mark Burgess the OCC representative covering Broadband roll out and Airband representatives.

### **Flooding**

By mid-week we are hoping that Highways will have started on clearance of the culvert nearest to Mellor's and Childrey Brook as it runs north of the A417. There is also a considerable amount of silt left by the water and the road surface will need repairing. The companies affected have submitted claims for lost income to the county council.

However, the issue of flooding and poor drainage remains on the bend nearest Haynes and Woodhill Lane. I will be contacting the Vale about this as the repairs carried out previously are clearly insufficient.

### **Speeding mitigation**

I have submitted a request to Lee Turner at Highways for reductions in the speed limits on the B4507, Silver Lane and A417, as discussed previously.

We are still waiting for the SIDs and their poles. Mark Francis has chased Ryan Moore about this and we are waiting for a reply! The positions for the poles were correct but very poorly marked and I have remarked them.

### **County Councillor**

I have no further news on Yvonne's health. In her absence, CCllr Bethia Thomas [Bethia.Thomas@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Bethia.Thomas@oxfordshire.gov.uk), who covers Faringdon, will deal with county issues.

### **Hamilton Drive**

Residents of Hamilton Drive have been in contact with M+M and the county council about the possible adoption of their road. This is unlikely to occur and this does open the opportunity for the management company Firstport to fix prices at will. This is a frequent and unfortunate occurrence with many new developments.

### **Wantage Hospital**

The Integrated Care Board have now released a confidential offer for the future of Wantage Hospital, which is nevertheless assured. This will be discussed at a public meeting hosted by the Wantage Town Council Health Sub-Committee on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm at the Wantage Silver Band Hall, prior to discussion at HOSC.

### **Childrey Way**

Childrey Way as far as Silver Lane (Whiteland's Rd.) has now been surfaced and two bollards place at the entrance to the road to prevent its use by 4-wheel vehicles. Access to Cornhill Farm will now be via East Challow.

The hedges along the stretch from the road to Childrey have now been cut back by Highways.

**Hedge planting**

The Challows and Childrey Hedgerow Group will have another day of hedge planting along the east side of Silver Lane/Whiteland's Rd on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January.

**Vicarage Hill**

I have now asked Highways to provide us with a much larger "Unsuitable for HGVs" sign for the entrance to Vicarage Hill from the B4507.

**Drug dealing**

Several youths have been photographed drug dealing in the Village Hall car park. I have passed this information to the police.

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**Ridgeway Ward**  
**Vale of White Horse District Council**  
**January 6<sup>th</sup> 2024**