

## **Bloxham Parish AGM 2019 – Cllr Kieron Mallon – Bloxham & Easington Division Inc. Milcombe.**

### **Oxfordshire and Cherwell Joint Working**

Since the disbanding of Northamptonshire Co. Council and the creation of new Unitary Councils in N.Hants. Cherwell and Oxfordshire have signed a joint working policy where back office, buildings and staff will be shared. This is early days but so far the savings look good and the delivery of services hasn't been affected.

### **New Special Needs School in Bloxham**

The County Council has announced that a new Special Needs School will be built on Bloxham Grove next to The Warriner. This is good for the area but will have knock on traffic implications. I have requested double yellow lines from the A361 back to the recycling bottle banks.

### **Road Maintenance**

OCC will spend an extra £13m on capital funding. This is on top of the additional £12m last financial year. OCC have taken delivery of another 'Dragon Patcher' vehicle which uses a combination of heat, compressed air, bitumen and chippings to repair potholes. This is quicker and far cheaper than repairing using conventional methods.

### **A361 Safety Measures**

OCC has gained £4.1m from the safer Roads Foundation to help with safety and accident prevention on the A361 section from Banbury to Chipping Norton. This will include roadside vegetation cutbacks (already started) some sections of re-surfacing, re-lining and new signing, drainage works, speed reductions and works on the junctions at Wykham Lane Banbury and Ells Lane/Bloxham Grove Bloxham. I have asked for and it has been agreed that the footpath between Bloxham and Banbury be cleared of encroaching grass and vegetation and where possible widened.

### **Cherry Tree Children's Hub**

This year will see the third and final tranche of OCC locality funding I secured for this great local centre for child provision at Bloxham Primary School. The School, Headmaster and Governors have been instrumental in this continuing, but it will need local investment to continue.

### **Oxfordshire's Domestic Abuse Service Launched.**

A new Domestic Abuse Service was launched in June set up by OCC in partnership with the district councils and the office of the Police & Crime Commissioner. It provides a single access point for victims and professionals across the councils and Police.

### **Operation Rogue Trader**

OCC Trading Standards and Thames Valley Police targeted aggressive doorstep traders in Oct. traders were approached and checked, ten warning letters were issued, five waste offenders were fined alongside seven doorstep crimes identified.

### **Joint Crackdown on Blue Badge Fraud.**

OCC, in partnership with Cherwell undertook an operation to detect and prevent abuse of the Blue Badge Scheme. An estimated 1,000 badges were checked and 33 seized.

I have dealt with inquiries from constituents and supported the Parish Council throughout the year. I must thank the Parish Cllrs and the three CDC Cllrs for the commitment they give to Bloxham. Many issues cross over between Cherwell and Oxfordshire and the partnership between all levels of elected members of Local Government, Parish, District and County bodes well for Bloxham.

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