



Update for Lyneham and Bradenstoke Parish Council November 2023

Wiltshire Council

Area Boards Meeting

The next Area Board meeting will be Wednesday 17th January 2023 in Purton. The Chief Constable of Wiltshire, Catherine Roper, and the Police and Crime Commissioner, Philip Wilkinson, should be in attendance.

Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG).

Next meeting January 10th 2024, venue TBC. New Highways engineer Martin Rose has taken over and has hit the floor running.

Community Safety Forum

Next virtual meeting will be Friday December 8th 2023 where the main speaker will be Wiltshire Councillor Nic Puntis on the subject of flooding.

Local Plan Review - Help shape the future of Wiltshire

Consultation on the Local Plan ends on November 22nd.

[Wiltshire Council Local Plan Consultation - Wiltshire Council](#)

This is a really important part of the Local Plan process as the policies agreed will set-out a vision and framework for Wiltshire for the period to 2038, addressing housing needs and other economic, social, and environmental priorities

Neighbourhood Planning

Various e-mail exchanges have taken place between Wiltshire Council, the Parish Council and steering group members. Wiltshire Council has offered to meet with PC and SG reps to explain way forward.

Banking Hub

A planning application has been submitted to convert part of RWB Post Office into a new Banking Hub. Plans are going ahead to install a temporary hub in the interim – location details to be announced on 20th November, which will also be its first day of operation.

Local

Lyneham Banks

Further traffic counts are taking place. There has been a slight increase in HGVs using the lanes. Local Police carried out a day of action on 8th November at Clack Hill, between the hours of 0500 and 1500. No vehicles were witnessed travelling the wrong way up the Hill on that day.



A further newsletter will be out before Christmas. Work is progressing and is currently on schedule according to the published timetable.

Please use the email address lynehambanks@wiltshire.gov.uk for all correspondence..

MoD Lyneham

The final works to Avon Grove Woods Bradenstoke have caused some local upset. I am liaising with the “owner” from DIO to seek an explanation of the works carried out, as there does appear to be substantial devastation to the area.

Bradenstoke Solar Farm Community Benefit Fund

Details of all grants and the application process can be found on the website <https://www.bradenstokesolarfund.org/>

The AGM took place on November 1st and draft minutes have been circulated to Grant Fund members for sharing with their parishes.

To note – there is a substantial amount of un-allocated funds. To that end we have decided to

- a) Invite all local community spaces to apply for a £1500 cost of living grant (we have 5 in this parish, forms sent 13/11/2023)
- b) Extend the geographic grant area to include the parishes of Tockenham, Clyffe Pypard and Dauntsey for a trial period of 2 years. Each parish area has been allocated £10,000 p.a. for the 2 years. Applications will be handled by the current grant committee.

Flooding

A number of properties have been flooded during the recent storms. The majority of homes affected were due to water coming off the fields. There have also been instances of problems caused by blocked drains, especially in Bradenstoke.

Wiltshire Council has asked all parishes to return details of any flooding that was experienced in their area. The flooding teams are very busy at the moment and will respond as quickly as possible.

Concerns have also been expressed by some Parish Councillors and residents about the quality of the work that has been carried out recently by Wiltshire Council operatives. This has been taken to Cabinet Member level and is being investigated.

This is a particularly difficult time of year for the roads anyway with the usual leaf fall blocking the drains.

The best way to report incidents eg blocked drains, is via the My Wiltshire System. This goes straight through to the correct officers and enables them to not only deal with the issues more quickly but also to use the location tracking to build up local evidence.

An invitation has been sent to all parishes in Wiltshire to remind them of the existence of the Operational Flood Working Group which exists to help people better deal with any flooding they may experience.