



Update for Lyneham and Bradenstoke Parish Council Sept 2020

Wiltshire Council

COVID-19 Response

Wiltshire Council is now in Recovery phase, although we are ready to spring back into action should Lockdown be reintroduced. There have been a couple of local outbreaks which have been managed in accordance with our Outbreak Management Plan.

The Wellbeing Centre number is still active but most staff have now returned to their normal posts.

Our main offices and public buildings are still closed to the public since Lockdown with the majority of our staff working from home.

We have recommenced many of our Council meetings virtually using Microsoft Teams.

We have started to reopen Leisure Centres and Libraries in a controlled manner. RWB Library is due to open later this month.

The current proposals do not include re-opening Lyneham library in the near future due to its size and the difficulties with social distancing.

Schools have started back and the Council continues to provide support where needed, although it is up to each individual school to manage their local situation.

COVID-19 Recovery

The Council is working on Recovery, based on 4 cells:-

Economy: sustainable recovery inc Carbon reduction

Community Resilience: How we build on community response to Covid 19 and galvanise through recovery to help communities to thrive. Working with Voluntary sector and community partners through the Area Board structure.

Care, Safeguarding and Education - Assess impact on children who have not been attending schools. Helping children narrow the gap and also work on emotional recovery.

Health and Wellbeing: Public Health response over next 12months. Outbreak Management plans, track and trace.

Local volunteers and communities will play key parts in recovery going forward. Watch this space!

Financial Position

The Council is not in quite such a dire financial position as previously, although it is still challenging and our next budget will be difficult.

Area Boards

We will be holding a virtual Area Board on September 30th . Details to follow.



Local

MoD Lyneham

Welcome to Major Iain McDavid who is the new community liaison

Although it is not strictly MoD, the parish council will be aware of the residents who are private renters of the Forces Housing who have been given 6 months notice to quit. This came as a surprise to all of us, and we are all working hard to see how we can help those affected.

Road Issues/CATG

Lyneham (Dauntsey) Banks road surface has become defective once again. This is on the list of works to be carried out but no date yet.

There will be a virtual CATG on October 7th. Details to follow.

Police

An inaugural police forum with Inspector Douglas Downing was held on Sept 9th to which all parish and town councils were invited.

Going forwards there will be regular police liaison meetings (virtual) hosted via the Area Board.

Youth

The PC will recall that we have in the past worked with Amy Dallimore (MoD) and CMAS to put on youth sessions. CMAS has now pulled out leaving only MoD provision. The Area Board has been working with the Rise Trust in Calne and RWB who are doing some excellent outreach work in those areas, as well as Purton and Cricklade.

We are hoping to arrange for them to come to Lyneham during half term.

More details to follow.

Chippenham Road

I have had a number of complaints from residents about the state of Chippenham Road near the roundabout. This land is all in private ownership which leaves limited options as to how to tidy it up.

I am in conversation with the owner of the White Hart and Greenfields Estate who are aware of residents' concerns.

The White Hart has submitted a planning application to build in their grounds.

Greenfields Estate extension needs to discharge a planning condition which has been delayed due to COVID. I have asked if the Herras fencing could be replaced by closed fencing but this is considered to be a security issue. I am told that some work could be done there in the near future. Fingers Crossed.

Thanks to the owners of Lyneham House who have been out tidying up the verge.

Bradenstoke Solar Farm Community Benefit Fund

And finally,,,

I note that Cllrs Jenkins and Moncrieffe have resigned. Thanks to them for the work they did during their period of office.

Cllr Jenkins was the PC rep on BSFCBF and Youth, so hopefully the PC will appoint new reps in due course.