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# Update for Lyneham and Bradenstoke Parish Council Feb 2021

## Wiltshire Council

#### **COVID-19**

The situation is much as it was in January with the addition of the massive vaccination rollout programme. The programme is being led by the local Clinical Commissioning Group however Wiltshire Council is heavily involved with the logistics.

The Wellbeing and Business hubs are busy responding to requests for help, particularly with business grants. The Wellbeing Hub is now accepting calls for assistance with transport for vaccinations, and passing these on to local transport schemes. (Our own Link6 & RWB is restarting for vaccination trips shortly).

We are continuing to run as much as possible Business as Usual, so bin collections and HRCs are still happening. Leisure centres are shut again and libraries are back to click and collect. For those who are wanting access to computers, they can be booked at the larger libraries eg Royal Wootton Bassett.

Our gritters are out and about making sure the roads are as safe as can be.

Please remember that Wiltshire Council staff and their families may also get COVID so there will be times when services are affected.

Schools are operating remote learning, children of keyworkers can attend school.

Free school meals will continue for those eligible, both during term time and during the holidays. All children who need them should have access to digital devices to enable learning and there are schemes in place to provide access to internet data packages. Access to free school meals and IT equipment are being handled by the schools as they are best placed to know which families require assistance.

#### Area Boards

The next meeting date is March 10th 2021. This will be a virtual meeting and all are welcome. Area Board work continues between meetings, focusing on Covid support and recommencing work with Health and Wellbeing, community safety and the economy.

We have also held a "youth conversation" last week with parties who have an interest in youth

issues. There is a lot of concern about young people's mental health and attainment and achievement levels.

#### **Parish Steward**

Nothing to report from me.

#### **Consultations**

There are no locally relevant Wiltshire Council consultations at present apart from Local Plan and the Gypsy and Traveller Site provision. Hopefully some of the Parish Council managed to attend one of the evening sessions on the local plan.

#### Local

MoD Lyneham Nothing to report.

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## **Road Issues/CATG**

CATG was held on January 13<sup>th</sup> 2021. Any road safety improvement requests can only be submitted by the Parish Council and each Parish/Town Council can have 2 priority requests in the system at any one time.

I have had a request from a parishioner regarding safer access to Edgecombe House which has been passed to the parish council

#### Road Works

I have not been made aware of any planned roadworks over the next few weeks.

There is an online mapping system which shows any pending roadworks. <u>https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/highways-road-closures</u>

### **Missing Post Box - Bradenstoke Junction**

No further update – awaiting replacement box

#### Police

The Area Board Community Safety forum will meet again on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February and will meet monthly.

Notes from the meeting in January have been sent to the Parish Council rep for circulation.

#### Youth

Following work with the Rise Trust there are no current plans from the Area Board to provide additional sessions within Lyneham Area. Amy Dallimore is currently providing a range of activities and sessions through her MoD role. There is currently no Youth Forum in the parish – this might be something for the Parish council to consider in due course.

#### Chippenham Road area.

#### Greenfields extension :

Two planning conditions left to satisfy – drainage and decontamination.

A consultant has been on site to carry out decontamination testing. Report should be available mid March. Discharge of conditions should be with Wilts Council end of March. Hope to start work on site April .

#### Lyneham Village Hall

The BSPCBF has agreed  $\pounds$ 10,000 towards the village hall repairs

#### Bradenstoke Solar Farm Community Benefit Fund

All community spaces within the parish have been given an additional  $\pounds$ 1000 grant towards their running costs.

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Details of all grants can be found on the website <u>https://www.bradenstokesolarfund.org/</u> If anybody knows of any worthy projects, do please let Frank Ball or me know.

## Planning

Still no evidence of the Green Farm Gladman appeal on the Planning Inspectorate portal.

#### MoD /DIO Notice to quit for private tenants

I am awaiting a further meeting with the Director for Housing at Wiltshire council to discuss the latest situation.