

County Councillor report

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Dear Parish Councillors and residents,

It's been a busy month with largely beautiful weather, if a little blustery on occasion, and I've been getting to grips with Parish Council meetings, a lot of council training, and councillor enquiries. The first full council was held on 20th May, at which committee places were confirmed. I will be sitting on the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee. We will be looking at all services provided to and for adults in potential need of social care or safeguarding, and holding the council to account on providing the best care possible for this vulnerable group of people. It also includes some public health matters (if not covered by the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee). At the council meeting, we also gave tribute to and signed a book of condolence the two firefighters and member of the public who gave their lives at Bicester Motion last month.

If you have any questions for me, please do get in touch with me by email. You can also keep updated on my activity via Facebook at www.facebook.com/CllrBekahFletcher

Best wishes

Bekah

Transport update

Lower Road, Chilton

Oxfordshire County Council has launched a consultation on lowering the speed limit on Lower Road in Chilton from 40mph to 30mph. Further details, and a map of the area, are available at https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/chilton_lowerroad_30mph2025.

Greenwood Way, GWP

Double yellow lines had been mistakenly painted in front of designated parking spaces on Greenwood Way, leading to some users being ticketed for parking in legal spaces. These lines have now been painted over so there can be no confusion. Any tickets incorrectly issued have been cancelled. Road users are however reminded that it remains legal only to park in the clearly marked spaces, and not elsewhere on the footpath.

Didcot Road, Harwell

Thames Water will be fixing a defect 6th-10th June near Alma Barn Lodge. There may be some carriageway incursion but no delays are expected.

Reading Road, Harwell

From 16th June – 11th July, there will be two-way signals on Reading Road for duct installation works. Some OpenReach network blockages have also been identified and work on these will be carried out at the same time. Delays are likely.

Wantage Road, Harwell

From 4th – 6th June, there will be two-way signals on Wantage Road while a solar bus flag pole is installed (opposite entrance to Tyrrells Close). Delays are possible.

A34 – diversions

From 27th – 30th June National Highways will be repairing the A34 Northbound Chieveley-Chilton. The diversion route is extensive, coming round Woodcote, through South Moreton, along the A4130, Broadway, Didcot Road. Delays are likely – please avoid driving that weekend if you possibly can.

Please continue to report any highway defects on www.fixmystreet.com.

Councillor queries

Recent queries I've raised on behalf of residents and Parish Councils include:

Ticket description	Status	Outcome/latest information
Hagbourne Hill rumble strips	COMPLETE	30th May – road markings reinstated
Chilton Fields adoption	FOLLOWED UP	Is with David Wilson to complete AP1 - have asked for contact there
Church Hill road markings	COMPLETE	31st May – road markings reinstated. Any request for future changes to road markings to go to Traffic Team via County Cllr.
Traffic calming Harwell village	FOLLOWED UP	They need more time – chased and escalated to Head of Service. Measures were approved by Cabinet Member for Transport over 6 months ago.
Chilton bus stop placement	IN PROGRESS	Awaiting measurements of footway – will happily advise on placement/design. Would need to be funded by Parish Council.
Overgrown roundabout Chilton/Lower Road	IN PROGRESS	Update due by 11 th June
Bus obstruction in Chilton	IN PROGRESS	They need more time – will chase if no update by 6 th June
Burning of domestic waste in Upton	AWAITING RESPONSE	Under leadership of District Council – have asked for advice on whether we can assist.