

Meeting of BLTC 04 July 2017

Cllrs' Written Reports to BLTC

Borough Council Matters of Interest Written Reports

Cllr Currall

- I attended the A6 forum meeting on the 28th and was elected Chair
- Questions were asked at the meeting regarding Parking on Double yellow lines; Crime; and Drug Use within the town. Sgt Little explained The rec was the number one target in the town
- I Have asked questions regarding the hole opposite Morrisons and hope in the near future to have a new fence put round it with Clear signs.

Cllr R. Groome

1. East of Kettering Liaison Forum 22nd June – there is the ongoing issue of the junctions near Wicksteed Park – Barton Road and Windmill Avenue, and Barton Road, London Road and Pytchley Road. This affects Burton Latimer people going into Kettering, especially those going into Kettering at busy times. There is a consultation going on as well as junctions being designed. We need to keep the pressure on over this.
2. A6 Towns Forum 28th June – Sgt Scott Little gave a comprehensive presentation. Dangerous parking on the double yellow lines on Station Road near the junction with Kettering Road is now on the Police patrol. There was to be a meeting last Thursday about parking enforcement by the Council. I have asked for an update from Martin Hammond and will report at the meeting. The Police have been called on One Stop over shop lifting offences. The Police are aware that needles have been found on the King George V Recreation Ground. Guy Holloway gave a report on summer play schemes across the Borough. Details are available on the Borough Council website.
3. I attended Research and Development as a substitute. There is a consultation into replacing Kettering Swimming Pool, and a summary of other facilities available in and around the area and further afield. There is a Task and Finish Group to be set up on Community Toilet Facilities. It was agreed that provision was poor, there was a need to expand it into the A6 Towns, and signage was poor.

County Council Matters of Interest Written Report (Cllr Smith-Haynes)

No written report submitted.

Other Town Cllrs' Reports

Cllr Currall

For the month of June 2017 I have been up to the following

- Put Numerous Posters up around the town on many occasions
 - Sold Duck Tickets at Sainsburys
 - Worked all day at the duck race
 - Delivered Leaflets around the town promoting the duck race
 - Had a meeting with Sue wood Chair at Latimer School
 - Was elected to stand as Governor at Latimer school for another 4 years
 - Worked behind the bar at the Jazz evening raising money for St Marys Church
 - Worked behind the Bar at the Raspberry and wine evening at Latimer House
 - Attended the Full BLTC meeting
 - Attended the CCMB Meeting
 - Banked Money on behalf of the council
 - Answered numerous Questions
 - Spoke to the police Concerning Crime, Drugs and parking near the schools
- was available to meet KBC Representatives for the polling station to hand keys out and to lock up after the election

Cllr C. Groome

1. I attended a meeting of TravelWatch East Midlands at East Midlands Airport. Under its new owners the airport is having a lot of investment and is growing fast. It is well worth considering for the destinations it serves. We also discussed the problems of the delay to the upgrading and electrification of the Midland Main Line. Although the work to Kettering and Corby is progressing well, there is currently no plan to upgrade the existing overhead line equipment between St Pancras and Bedford which is rated for 100mph running and was to be raised to 125mph. I am involved in launching a campaign to put this right. The work to reinstate the fourth track by Burton Latimer is due to start this month.
2. I have been involved in meetings and exchanges to get the half hourly service between Kettering and Leicester back. The hourly train is getting more and more oversubscribed. East Midlands Trains are being co-operative thanks to the intervention of our MP and the imminent franchising. In guise of Kettering Rail Users we are helping KBC and NCC to put together a strong case.
3. I attended the A6 Towns Forum when John Currall was elected Chairman. It is still not well attended and I hope John will be able to give it the relevance which it seems to lack at the moment.
4. I also attended the Rural Forum which is much livelier. They are tackling the issue of policing in the rural areas and have secured the attendance of the chief constable and, subject to dates, the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Fire Officer because of the proposed merger of the two services.
5. Yesterday I was present for the cutting of the overgrown hedge at the back of the pocket park arranged by Fergus and done free of charge by a local farmer, now praised in social media. We had waited until the nesting season was over and residents on the Linden Homes estate can see into the pocket park again.
6. The Mayor and I are attending the NALC meeting this week to discuss 'unitary' authorities. It says a lot that the discussion of unitary authorities completely ignores town and parish councils. We shall report back for an informed discussion at the next meeting.

Cllr Watts

For the month of June 2017 I have been up to the following:

Attended full BLTC meeting,

Substituted for Cllr Brereton on Planning,

Left UKIP,

Set up East Midland branch of the Social Democratic Party (SDP),

Now sitting as an Independent BLTC Cllr,

Helped sell Duck Race tickets,

Delivered Duck Race leaflets,

Collected / delivered drinks for Duck Race,

Attended the Duck Race,

Attended June Farmers Market and Craft Stalls within the Civic Centre,

Helped ensure we have an Independent candidate for the forthcoming BLTC election and assist with nomination forms/ eaflet delivery (many thanks to Cllr Brereton for assisting on this),

Made proposal for Youth Club provision at the Civic Centre,

Early stages of setting up a Community Crime Initiative scheme,

Removed old chairs for disposal from the Civic Centre.

Could I take the opportunity to thank all involved in the Duck Race. A lovely event as always.

Highways Report (Cllr F. Macdonald)

The following are key events during June

1) All open spaces viewed with Brendon Coleman this has shown a number of problems re on going maintenance responsibility up to adoption and the adoption process itself I intend to present a separate report on this subject at a later date.

2) All the main roads have been inspected and to date a large number of pot holes have been addressed some still need to be done this should happen over the next two weeks after which a further inspection will take place and at the same time the side roads will be examined.

3) Temporary footpath UA 15 has been cut by Taylor Wimpey.

4) The grass in front of the library has been cut by KBC cross charge to the County.

5) The drain at the entrance to the car park has been replaced.

6) The problem re flooding at number 27 Spencer St has been rectified.

7) I would like approval to put a suitable notice on those vehicles which actually block the footway when they park on the pavement a gap of 2 feet should be left so that mobility scooters and prams can pass.

8) The request for double yellow lines at the Alexander St / Finedon St junction and also Normandy Close are being processed.

9) It is planned to put a proper fence round the "Hole" in Polwell Lane.

10) Various footpaths have been litter picked and strimmed by the CPT in addition to the work done in the Pocket Park.

11) The red chairs have been removed and the faulty toilet cistern replaced in the civic centre.