

District Councillors Report to Parish Councils

Stanford Ward

August/September 2019

Vale of White Horse District Council

Climate Emergency - Following the agreement to a Climate Emergency in February the new administration has created a new Climate Emergency Advisory Committee. The proposal was approved by full Council on 17 July. The new Committee will be non-decision making but will make recommendations to Cabinet.

Local Plan Part 2 – The Planning Inspector has declared that the LPP2 is sound and is subject to local democratic approval. The new administration has indicated that it wants to make sure that they fully understand the implications of adopting the plan or otherwise. The Deputy Leader of the Vale has written to the Secretary of State highlighting concern about the figures to meet Oxford's Unmet Need and development in the Green Belt. The Plan will be considered by the Vale Cabinet on 4 October and the decision will be an agenda item for full Council on Wednesday 9 October.

Pop Up Business School - A Pop Up Business School will take place in the Memorial Hall Shrivenham between 7 and 11 October from 10:00am to 3:00pm. This event follows the success of others held in the Vale and South Oxfordshire. The intensive course provides guidance on topics such as starting a business with no money, building a website for free, taxes and marketing. This is a FREE course organised by the Economic Development Team at the Vale.

Planning – I am keeping an eye on all planning applications and am available to discuss any as required.

Oxford to Cambridge Expressway – The Deputy Leader of the Vale has written to Government objecting to the Expressway. However, the public consultation for this proposal has not yet been published.

Parish Planning Training – Town and Parish Councils have been invited to attend planning training on 9 September. Councils are encouraged to attend.

Household Enquiry - Yellow Letter – Residents are reminded to complete the information required and return to the Vale asap.

Festival Grants – The Vale scheme is open for grant applications of up to £1,000.

Electric Vehicle Charging Points Consultation – the Government has published a consultation on EV smart charging points and regulations. Comments to be submitted by 7 October. Additionally, the Vale is working with the County on an Oxfordshire wide EV charging strategy.

Civic Parking Enforcement – Consultants have been appointed to undertake a feasibility study and prepare a report for Cabinet.

Cycling Champion – The Vale has appointed a first ever Cycling Champion to encourage people to travel by bike.

World Car Free Day 22 September 2019 – Give driving a miss. The Vale is promoting this world-wide event by awarding a prize for what you did by using alternative transport on Sunday 22 September. There is an online survey to complete and entries must be submitted by 5pm on Monday 30 September. The draw will take place on 1 October. More details on the Council's website.

Although I don't hold surgeries at the moment I am always available to deal with any issues