

**District Councillors Report to Parish Councils**  
**Stanford Ward**  
**November 2019**

**Vale of White Horse District Council**

**Climate Emergency Advisory Committee** – The inaugural meeting of this Committee took place on 15 October 2019. The Committee has recommended that the Council should aspire to become Carbon Neutral by 2030 and the District by 2045. In the first instance the Council should aim for a 75% reduction in carbon emissions in its own operations by 2025 and for the whole district by 2030.

**Local Plan** – Although the Vale has adopted Part 2 of the Local Plan there is still an issue with the plan for South Oxfordshire. As mentioned in our October Report the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government has stepped in and instructed that for the time being their Plan is on hold. It is doubtful that any further progress will be made on this matter until after the General Election.

**Planning** – I am keeping an eye on all local planning and happy to talk about various applications.

The public consultation on the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway is still to be published by Highways England.

Oxfordshire Plan 2050 details are available on the Oxfordshire County Council website where there is a 30-page document entitled A vision for the Future.

**Festival Grants from the Vale** – The scheme is open all year round for application up to £1000. The Grants Team are available to advise on the suitability of applications. Contact details on the Vale website.

**Civil Parking Enforcement** – One of our local councillors will be attending a presentation on 11 November and will report back in the December Report.

**Thames Valley Police presentation to Council on 9 October.** A copy of the Power point presentation will be circulated to Parish Councils under separate cover.

**Additional Garden Waste w/c 11 November** – Residents with Brown Bins may leave additional waste next to the bins in bin liners or sacks. **Please note** that trade waste sacks are not accepted.

**Safe Places** – The Safe Places Scheme provides people who may experience difficulties in public places with the assurance that support is available. In our area there are 7 places and these are all in Faringdon – Costa Coffee Marlborough Street, Information Centre, Library, Stay Grounded Coffee Shop, Mustard Seed, Perry

Bishop Estate Agents and the Leisure Centre. More details may be found on the Vale website.

**General Election** – Three public meetings are affected by the General Election details are as follows: Joint Scrutiny scheduled for 3 December has been cancelled. Cabinet meeting scheduled for 6 December has been moved to The Beacon at Wantage and the full Council meeting scheduled for 11 December has been moved to 18 December.

**Election Jobs** – If anyone is interested in helping to run the Election you may register your interest with the Elections Team – [elections@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:elections@southandvale.gov.uk) Tel: 01235 422528 – more details on the Vale website.

Although I don't hold surgeries, we are always available to assist with any issues

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