

Councillor Tim Hill's Report to Elstow Parish Council

- For 18 July 17

Meetings

- I am currently planning to attend this Parish Council Meeting.

Village-wide Issues

- **Local Shop** – I have put two local residents, who have recently expressed an interest, in touch with the developer.

Local Issues

Since my last Parish Council Report, I have amongst other local issues progressed the following raised by residents, sometimes with the **valued help and support of the Parish Council**:

- **Road Markings** – I hosted a productive site meeting with a Borough Highways Officer, two Parish Councillors and a concerned local resident. This was on the High Street/Wigram Close and High Street/Wigram Close junctions. In order to make these junctions safer, it was agreed that a consultation will be done on a give way road marking at Thomas James Close and double yellow lines going into Wigram Close. My thanks to those who attended the meeting. The installation of double yellow lines at the turning circle by 15, West End and in the Emergency Vehicles area by 59, Bunyans Mead is programmed for this year.
- **Super Fast Broadband in Sandleford Drive and part of Croylund Drive** – Residents have raised their concerns with me that Openreach have yet again slipped the provision date. I have now arranged a Residents Meeting with a BT Customer Relations Director at Borough Hall.
- **Surgeries** – I held a Mobile Advice Surgery on the Abbey Fields estate on 17 Jun 17. My thanks to the residents who attended to raise their individual issues with me. I am planning to hold another one on the Abbey Fields estate on 12 Jul 17.
- **Proposal for a new development** – The Southill Estate Property Manager has advised me that the Estate will soon be submitting a development proposal for the land to the south of the by-pass and east of the A6. I have asked him for more details and a map.
- **Inconsiderate Parking on West End near Red Lion** – Residents have been raising their concerns with me regarding the inconsiderate parking in this area and the yellow cable being left trailing across the footpath. Highways and Environmental Enforcement have both visited the offenders. Highways and the Traffic Police have both sent formal enforcement letters.
- **Adoption of Hexham Close and footpath fronting 101-115, Abbey Fields** – Aragon Housing Association Legal Team has advised they will adopt Hexham Close once the ownership of the entrance area is clarified. Aragon Housing Association Legal Team has advised it believes 101-115, Abbey Fields is not registered as their land to adopt. Borough Highways is reviewing.
- **Moot Hall fencing** - These works will be completed by the end of July.

Ward Fund Ideas for 2017/18

My Ward Fund for 2017/18 is £8,986.00. I have £000.00 left to spend.

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1. Contribution towards the cost of a cabin for Gardening With Grace on the site near Abbey Fields Health Centre - £503.53.
2. Contribution towards the cost of a new bench on the Church End Green in Elstow - £242.47 (The Parish Council and I will be funding this 50/50.).
3. Contribution towards the cost of repairs to the flooring of the Elstow CC cricket nets and the purchase of new surround nets - £500.00.

4. Contribution towards the cost of clearing out the Pill Box at the entrance to the Interchange Retail 2 - £1,000.00.
5. Contribution towards the cost of extending the double yellow lines opposite Elstow Primary School - £840.00.