

ENVIRONMENT REPORT FOR BODICOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MAY 2018

The Environment Committee has 5 council members who attend meetings every other month and report back to full Council with any recommendations.

During the past 12 months we have sought help from JayBee Motors at the lay by on Oxford Road so that the contractor can cut grass more easily. They have also cooperated in relieving the parking problems around the slip road junction.

Seats at town Furlong have been stabilised and help sought from OCC about lorries etc damaging the verges. These were also damaged by the recent Circus and also opposite the school and mini roundabout where substantial damage occurred. OCC were very prompt in repairing part of the roundabout but we still await new replacement signs.

A meeting was arranged with OCC and Stagecoach to arrange the new B3 bus timetable and the 4 new stops in the village as well as on the route through Longford Park. There are also new stops planned on Oxford Road for S4 buses.

A possible dedicated Parish Office and meeting room has not been achieved. Bodicote Welfare Fund voted not to join us in extending the village hall and our bid for the old Methodist Chapel proved too low and the work needed would have been too expensive to bring it up to modern standards.

Damage to the Churchyard wall was repaired, new signs for the Burial ground are being made and the damaged signpost to the Wellington War Memorial has been replaced.

After a disappointing year in 2016 it was decided to reduce the flower bed at the Millenium Sign and also the 3 beds at Keyser Road. New shrubs were purchased for the bed at Wykham Lane and summer planting of red geraniums greeted visitors at White Post Road. Our thanks go to Mrs Lynette Langley who volunteered to plant up the beds and care for them during the year. Similar planting will be arranged for 2018.

Our latest venture has been to restore the original Weeping Cross..As the village gradually gets swallowed up by new developments we wish to mark our place in history with a lasting reminder. The unveiling should take place on Saturday 10th November 2018. Many donations have been received due to the hard work of Cllr Sue Steele and Cherwell District Cllr Andrew McHugh.

After many long hours of form filling by Cllr Nigel Buttler and the former Clerk, Mrs Val Russell, a grant was received from the War Memorials Trust for repairs to be carried out on the Churchyard War Memorial. A faculty has been agreed by the Oxford Diocese and hopefully the cross will be revealed in all its splendour on Remembrance Sunday.

Our meetings are always open to the public and usually held at Bodicote House. We look forward to seeing you there.

Margaret Christer
Chairman
May 2018