

REPORT TO SHIPLAKE PARISH COUNCIL JUNE 2019

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GENERAL OCC REPORT

OXFORDSHIRE ROADS TO BE RESURFACED OVER THE SUMMER

A summer of road surfacing in Oxfordshire has begun. More than half a million square metres - more than 83 km - of road across Oxfordshire will be given a new lease of life thanks to the 'surface-dressing' technique which waterproofs and extends the life of roads. The cost of the work is in the region of £3.5m which is seen as a good investment, potentially preventing the need for more costly resurfacing for a number of years.

ROB MACDOUGALL APPOINTED NEW CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

Rob MacDougall has been appointed as Oxfordshire County Council's new Director of Community Safety and Chief Fire Officer. Rob is currently Assistant Chief Fire Officer and will replace Simon Furlong, who is retiring from the post. "Taking on the role of Director of Community Safety and the Chief Fire Officer will be a huge privilege and a dream position for me," said Rob. "I joined the Fire and Rescue Service in 1998, and apart from a short secondment with the Ghana National Fire Service, have enjoyed a wide and varied career here in Oxfordshire. I am dedicated to continuing to deliver the best services we can for our residents by doing our core business exceptionally well while continuously looking for new ways to reduce the risk of harm and enable access to opportunities for all to thrive."

ANSAF AZHAR NAMED AS COUNTY COUNCIL'S NEW DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Ansaf Azhar has been appointed as Oxfordshire County Council's new Director of Public Health. Ansaf was the Interim Director of Public Health for Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council in the West Midlands and will take up his new post in August. "I am thrilled to join Oxfordshire County Council as the new Director of Public Health," said Ansaf. "I started my career as a pharmacist and soon moved into Public Health as I am passionate about improving population health and reducing inequalities. I believe we have a fantastic opportunity to build on the good work done in Oxfordshire so far and continue to create a healthy place with our residents. A place that will promote healthy behaviours and thriving communities whilst reducing inequalities across Oxfordshire." Ansaf replaces Jonathan McWilliam, who left the county council in January.

NEW ALCOHOL SERVICE GIVES MIDDLE-AGED DRINKERS SOMEWHERE TO TURN

Research has shown young people in Oxfordshire are drinking less but in contrast more people over 40 are turning to alcohol to ease the pressures of work and home life. Now funding has been secured for the creation of a new standalone service provided by Turning Point, the community drug and alcohol service which provides comprehensive treatment and care for any adults in Oxfordshire experiencing problems with drugs and alcohol. The new alcohol clinic will support those people who wouldn't necessarily identify as being dependent on alcohol. This will include those who have been referred by GPs or the Alcohol Care Team at the John Radcliffe Hospital but can be used by anyone who feels they need support. Turning Point is commissioned by Oxfordshire County Council's Public Health team and has treatment hubs in Oxford, Banbury, Didcot and Witney. The Public Health team seeks to promote, improve and protect the health of local people. It's all part of the council's commitment to thriving communities – we help people live safe, healthy lives and play an active part in their community. Turning Point can be contact on **0300 0134 776**.

SPECIFIC REPORT FOR SHIPLAKE

SIGN CLEANING, WHITE-LINING, WEEDING ETC AS PER RH LIST

This programme of works has commenced and progress will be monitored.

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF A4155 AT TOWER HOUSE 14TH-16TH JUNE, TRO T6403

As previously advised, my view was that the nett result of this would have been utter chaos for Shiplake and I was not prepared to accept it as a solution. I am pleased to report that my representations to OCC Directors and senior personnel at Thames Water have been successful and after a further site visit it was agreed that by moving the water main crossing point further south, the work could be undertaken using traffic lights.

IMPROVING SAFETY ON A4155

The speed limit change proposal was approved by the Cabinet Member for Environment at a meeting Cllr Pheasant and I attended on 25 April, however an objection was subsequently received from lawyers acting on behalf of Retirement Villages. This has now been rejected and the implementation work continues, including confirmation of costs.

SPEED CABLES ON A4155 AT MILL LANE/MEMORIAL AVENUE

Multiple pairs of speed survey tubes were observed at the Mill Lane/Memorial Avenue/A4155 staggered crossroads in mid-May and an associated pedestrian accident was reported to me by Cllr Mann. Enquiries revealed the speed survey had been commissioned by Retirement Villages. The purpose of the survey is unclear as the survey site is distant from the previously proposed entrance to the proposed development site which is currently subject to an appeal to be heard in September.