

Bassingbourn PC 23 January 2024 District and County Councillor Report

Spring Lane etc Traffic Regulation Orders – I think I've brought all of the Traffic and Travel Group up to date.

Park Close: I have been trying to get some additional parking spaces in Park Close and this has finally been agreed. This will consist of four spaces at the rear of the estate, abutting wood that adjoins allotments. Should happen soon. Nevertheless, parking pressure is severe and those households without private drives are having a very hard time.

Kneesworth roundabouts road markings – at last

With apologies for such a long wait. This job has now been ordered and should happen soon, certainly before the end of the financial year.

Local Highways Improvement – walk to primary school scheme

As previously reported, we have now established a potential option for enhancing walking-to-school route opportunities, via the site visit with County Council LHI officers last summer. The scheme consists of two parts: 1) a new footway section in North End from Brook Road to just beyond the driveway of number 2 North End, where it would cross North End to the War Memorial green and 2) a new 'tactile crossing' in Brook Road roughly at number 9, with prominent road markings indicating children crossing.

The existence of the 20 MPH speed limit enables the Brook Road crossing – it would not be permissible with a higher speed limit.

Because the County Council can only fund up to £25K per scheme in any given year, one way of maximizing funding would be to break the scheme into two parts over two consecutive years. This is common practice in other parishes.

If the parish council wishes to proceed then it would need to consult with the parish on the proposed plan.

I have checked with the School Crossing Patrol senior officer; the proposed scheme would not jeopardize the County-funded School Crossing Patrol Officer post.

Additional parking bays, Park Close

Over the years the problem of finding car parking space in Park Close has increased. The lack of public transport options in Bassingbourn naturally means more cars per household. South Cambs District Council which owns much of the public land in Park Close has agreed to mark out and formalize four additional parking spaces at the back of the close abutting the woodland area that leads up to the allotments. The creation of these spaces should happen soon. I've asked what can be done in practical terms to give residents the best chance of being able to park at least one car somewhere in the close.

Royston and District Community Transport – feedback

As promised, I have shared feedback from the PC with RDCT. Sincere thanks were expressed for the financial contribution. On the matter of lifts for patients at the surgery: RDCT works on a book-in-

advance system which allows arrangements to be made with volunteer drivers. This may be the reason why requested lifts were not able to be arranged.

Civil Parking Enforcement -

High Street road markings have been logged with the CPE team. They use a tech mapping system which should know that they need doing.

Parish clerks should be receiving an update on how to report infringements to CPE.