



Wing & Ivinghoe Community Board agenda

Date: Tuesday 20 July 2021

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: MS Teams. You can join the meeting by clicking the following link five minutes before the start of the scheduled start time: <https://bit.ly/3khlb18>

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Agenda Item 3
Buckinghamshire Council
Wing & Ivinghoe Community
Board

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Wing & Ivinghoe Community Board held on Wednesday 3 March 2021 via MS Teams, commencing at 7pm and concluding at 8:30pm

Members present

Cllr A Wight (Chairman), Cllr A Bond, Cllr P Cooper (Vice-Chairman), Cllr N Glover, Cllr S Jenkins and Cllr C Poll

Cllr R Blacklock (Hardwick PC), Cllr H Blear (Aston Abbotts PC), Cllr P Brazier (Mentmore PC), Cllr M Cleland (Slapton PC), Cllr M Crutchfield (Pitstone PC), Davidson S, Davies A (Hardwick PC Clerk), Harnett D, Jan C, Cllr D Kellner (Wing PC), Cllr M Lomas (Wing PC), Cllr S Lott (Ivinghoe PC), Cllr R McCarthy (Pitstone PC), Mee H (Clare Foundation), Pataky P (Edlesborough PC Clerk), Cllr M Perry (Whitchurch PC), Cllr H Price (Wingrave PC), Cllr J Rose (Weedon PC), Cllr B Saintey (Pitstone PC), Cllr S Severn (Watermead PC), Shardlow N (Watermead PC Clerk), Cllr L Tabiner-Crush (Wing PC), Cllr L Tring (Wing PC), Cllr L Wells (Edlesborough PC), Cllr J Wilkinson (Edlesborough PC)

Others in attendance

M Dias, J Ford, K Kelly, C Martin, J McAteer

Agenda Item

1 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave Members an overview of the virtual meeting procedure rules.

2 Apologies

Members heard formal apologies from Councillor Derek Town, Alan Williams, Trish Owen and Cheddington Parish Council.

3 Minutes

RESOLVED :-

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 19th November, 2020 be approved as a correct record.

4 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

5 Watermead Walkway

Sue Severn and Noreen Shardlow were invited to give a presentation to Members outlining the Watermead Walkway project and the wider work they had undertaken during the pandemic.

Sue explained to Members that leisure facility closures due to Covid-19 had caused a higher number of visitors to Watermead, which had generated a litter problem. Watermead Parish Council had spent £8000 on Litter removal, £1500 cleaning up after visitor's dogs.

Higher visitor numbers had also caused Public pathways to become damaged and eroded away. Sue explained that repairing and restoring the footpaths to their original state could cost £100,000. It was hoped that the Community Board could help in the future with this project, either with funding towards the cost of repairs, signposting to appropriate local services or partners who could help, or spreading the word to those who may like to volunteer their help.

The Roman Park Community Trust had been established with Community Board Crisis Funding last March and cross Parish work had been done with Oving and Berryfields Parish Councils to pool resources and provide wide-ranging support to local residents. Anyone who could help the Roman Park Community Trust was encouraged to contact help@romanparktrust.org.uk or 01296 925750. Sue informed Members that they were in the process of becoming a registered charity. In addition, the Berryfield Buddies also launched to support people who were socially isolated during the pandemic or wanting to learn more about the local area if they were new. Talking benches were being installed to enable conversations outside when restrictions allowed, and a Wooden Pergola run by the Buddies in Watermead would be made available as a Covid-safe space for outdoor book clubs, concerts, gardening clubs, and talks.

Watermead Neighbourhood plan had begun in January, 2021. Sue informed Members that related questionnaires and the first-draft plan was ready and would be reviewed at end of March for submission to Buckinghamshire Council for comment in April. The plan would be a platform to address local business needs through the sourcing of land for future commercial development in partnership with the Prince's Trust.

Peter Cooper informed Sue that a Buckinghamshire Council Select Committee had been held since Christmas to examine the Council's Covid response and explore areas in which this could be improved in the future, including working with local charities and volunteer groups. The Select Committee's report had been approved by Cabinet and Katrina would circulate this and any further details to Members following the meeting. Peter expressed his sincere hope that the aforementioned groups in Sue's presentation would continue their work beyond the pandemic, as local volunteer groups and charities were identified as valuable partners in the development and delivery of Buckinghamshire Council services in an effective way for local communities. It was hoped that a future funding application concerning the litter and footpath issues would be submitted for consideration by Members at a future meeting of the Community Board.

Anne Wight expressed her appreciation of the talking benches project as a way to begin re-socialising with local people coming out of lockdown

Sue clarified for Members that the work of the Berryfield Buddies and Roman Park Community Trust had been done across multiple Community Board areas because their services applied to anyone needing help. This had proven an obstacle to secure funding from different Community Boards where it could not be guaranteed that all the funding would be used in that area. Peter Cooper said that discussions were being held to try to resolve these kinds of situations between Boards. Anne Wight added that there would need to be a degree of proportionality with regard to future cross-funding projects based on the number of residents in each area benefitting.

6 Voting on Current Projects

Katrina Kelly (Wing and Ivinghoe Community Board Coordinator) gave Members an overview of the funding applications being determined at the evening's meeting. These were as follows:

- Community and Wildlife Improvements - £250 (Submitted by the Whitchurch Wildlife Community Group)
- Aerial Runway - £5,914.26 (Submitted by Aston Abbotts Parish Council)

The full funding recommendations for the above projects had been published with the Agenda and Supplementary Agenda report packs and made available to view on the Council's website.

Owing to their familiarity with the proposals, Members agreed to vote en bloc and

RESOLVED: -

That the above applications be approved.

7 Supporting Local Businesses and Resident Confidence as we Reopen

Jacqueline Ford (Economic Development Officer) gave a presentation to Members outlining efforts to ensure that as social restrictions associated with the pandemic eased in the future, local businesses would be able to open as smoothly and safely as possible. Members were shown the work that had been done in Summer 2020 to help businesses re-open following the March 2020 lockdown, including collaborating with the Aylesbury Town Centre Partnership and the High Wycombe Business Improvement District to create clear signage and information in town centres to keep the public informed and safe while shopping.

Jacqueline explained to Members that £481,000 from the ERDF had been granted to put towards further measures to support social distancing and businesses coming out of the lastest lockdown, and had spoken with several Community Boards directly to invite feedback and suggestions of ways in which this could be used at the level of place, to put in place infrastructure, signage, planters, hand sanitising stations or other measures to make High Streets and shopping centres safe and inviting for the public. It was stressed that the conditions attached to the funding meant that it could not be used to support an individual business, but instead could be invested to support or improve an area.

The Council's Central Communications would also ensure that new business support provisions announced in the Spring Budget would be communicated to Parishes as they were made clear.

Chris Poll suggested that designs for signage that would be used in smaller, more rural areas could be shared through Parish Councils and be printed and laminated at home by local residents who would then be able to put them on public display. This would ensure that signage was appropriate in content and placement for the local area, as well as prevent overspending on a central printing and distribution system.

Peter Cooper suggested that a questionnaire could be created as a collaborative effort with the Community Boards to gain a better understanding of what facilities are available in each local Parish before decisions were made about the use of the ERDF money.

To feedback to Jaqueline and her team, or for further information regarding this project, Members were encouraged to contact:

- Jaqueline at: reopening@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
- Katrina at: wingandivinghoe@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

8 Vaccination/Covid-19 Update

Katrina gave an overview of the current pandemic situation in Buckinghamshire. The information was correct as of 16th February, 2021, and the most up-to-date information would be sent to Parishes as it was received from Public Health.

Katrina confirmed that the vaccination roll-out scheme was well-organised and progressing well across the 17 approved vaccination sites across the county. 3 further vaccination sites were due to launch the following week. 141,000 vaccines had been delivered so far in Buckinghamshire, aided where necessary by the Chilterns Dial-a-Ride assisted transport scheme, which had been funded by 8 Community Boards to enable free transport to and from medical appointments for local residents. Mason's Coaches were providing similar services to residents in the Pitstone, Cheddington, Ivinghoe and Edlesborough areas.

Over 90% of over 75 year olds had been vaccinated, and 100% of care homes had been visited. All frontline Health and Social Care workers had also been offered the vaccine. Katrina encouraged anyone who had not already done so to register with their GPs to ensure that vaccines could be booked as early as possible when they became available to each priority group. Vaccinations were currently being offered to Group 6, which included all those in an at-risk group and adult carers between the ages of 16 and 65.

Lateral Flow Testing (LFT) had been introduced in Buckinghamshire at sites in Aylesbury, High Wycombe, Amersham and Buckingham to detect covid-19 carriers who were asymptomatic. This was especially useful for frontline workers and volunteers, who could be tested every three days. Chris Poll highlighted the benefit of the LFT from his experience as a volunteer and encouraged everyone to remain vigilant and avoid complacency to ensure that restrictions could continue to be eased.

9 Summary of Spend

Peter Cooper was invited to give a summary to Members on the spending of the Wing and Ivinghoe Community Board since its inception. Members were reminded that the total budget for the Community Board initially stood at £152,978, of which, £66,354 had been allocated from the three funding streams since July. It had been agreed by Buckinghamshire Council that Community Board underspend (standing at £86,633 for the Wing and Ivinghoe Community Board) would be carried over to the next financial year and added to the new allocated budget.

It was stressed however, that the Community Board had already reached the maximum 50% spending threshold for transport-related applications from the current financial year's Community Area Priorities funding stream. As such, none of the remaining £43,281.50 being carried over from that stream could be used for transport projects.

Peter Cooper reminded Members that the Buckinghamshire Council budget for 2021/22, from which the Community Board budgets would be allocated, had been agreed at the meeting of Full Council on 24th February, 2021, and that it was yet to be made known what the budget for the Community Boards would be for 2021/22.

Members were reminded of the projects that had received funding from the Wing and Ivinghoe Community Board since July. These were as follows:

- Mentmore Cycle Feasibility Study
- Aston Abbotts and Cublington Joint Scheme
- Ivinghoe Traffic Calming Scheme
- Mentmore Play Area
- Joint Community Board Project – AVMKSAASS
- Crisis Funds COVID-19

The Chairman explained to Members that funding could not be given to projects on an ongoing basis.

It was confirmed that Katrina had met with the relevant Officers for cycleways and speed limits to discuss the potential imposition of a 20mph speed limit in Wingrave. It was hoped that a meeting could take place to discuss this further with Officers over the next month. Those with an interest in attending were encouraged to contact Katrina for an invite when a date was agreed upon. This issue would also be discussed at the next meeting of the Transport Working Group. Members were reminded of the ongoing work of all of the Working Groups and informed that each had a private Facebook Group to discuss ideas between meetings. Those with an interest in joining any of the Working Groups were encouraged to contact Katrina.

10 Future Ideas and Engagement Opportunities

As the first year of Community Board meetings came to a close, Katrina invited feedback from Members in attendance on the performance of the Wing and Ivinghoe Community Board and its engagement with local residents and partners. The answers given would be considered to improve future engagement with the Community Board, and further build upon the successes of the past year.

Members expressed great satisfaction with the handling of virtual engagement during the pandemic, particularly with online meetings and the establishment of Facebook pages for the Community Board as a whole, as well as its Working Groups. Members reported that this had enabled a greater degree of networking between Parishes and individuals where physical meetings had not been possible. In addition, Members felt that the applications that had been allocated Community Board Funding had been appropriate and beneficial to improving local communities. Lastly, Members praised the general communication from the board.

Members suggested that an internal directory of phone numbers could be considered to enable direct engagement between partners, Members and residents between main meetings of the Community Board and outside Working Group meetings. This would reduce dependency on Katrina to provide contact details, and speed up communication further within the Community Board Area.

Members were overwhelmingly in favour of holding regular meetings with Clerks, and would welcome pop-up events in their localities advertising the work of the Community Board and engaging with residents directly when social restrictions eased.

Members recognised the distinct advantages of virtual meetings and expressed an interest in future meetings retaining at least some degree of online element. In particular, members highlighted the ease with which meetings could be attended when commuting did not have to be considered, and that those with busy schedules or small children were able to attend and contribute where otherwise this would not have been possible. Future engagement with residents on a wider scale would benefit from embracing virtual meetings from a logistical perspective, with meeting space being far larger than would be possible for a physical setting.

Members also raised the advantage of holding virtual meetings in the Winter, as a safer option for residents when roads and pavements were slippy, and it got darker earlier.

Finally, Members expressed an interest in a quarterly Community Board newsletter (as a potential feature in Parish newsletters) to update Members and residents of the ongoing work of the Community Board. It was also suggested that this could take the form of an e-newsletter or an infographic to increase reach and encourage wider engagement with the Board.

11 Date of Next Meeting

2nd June, 2021 (Provisional)



Westfield Road – Speed Limit Petition

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Previous Location

- The 30mph speed limit signs in their former location did not comply with regulations, as there was no Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) in place to support them and the signs were also beyond the extent of the existing street lighting system, which would automatically impose a 30mph limit.
- As such the speed limit was not legally enforceable.
- The Council was therefore unable to adopt the road, as public highway, unless the speed limit signs were moved in order to comply with legislation.





Current Location

- The speed limit signs were therefore relocated to their current position, by Taylor Wimpey, to a point in line with the last street lighting column so as to provide a compliant and legal speed limit.

Options

- It was recognised that the relocated signs caused concern amongst the Parish Council and the local residents.
- As a result this has been reviewed by Thames Valley Police (TVP) and Transport for Buckinghamshire's Road Safety Team and the following options were considered;

Option One – TRO to retain the 30mph speed limit in it's original location.

- The introduction of a TRO to move the signs back out to their original position was discussed but not supported at the site meeting attended by TVP and Road Safety. The original position is considered to be too far away from the start of the built up area and therefore would not satisfy the Department for Transport (DfT) guidance for the placing of speed limit signs.

Option Two – Extend the street lighting to retain the 30mph speed limit in it's original location.

- The introduction of additional street lighting columns to move the signs back out to their original position was discussed but not supported at the site meeting attended by TVP and Road Safety. The original position is considered to be too far away from the start of the built up area and therefore would not satisfy the DfT guidance for the placing of speed limit signs.

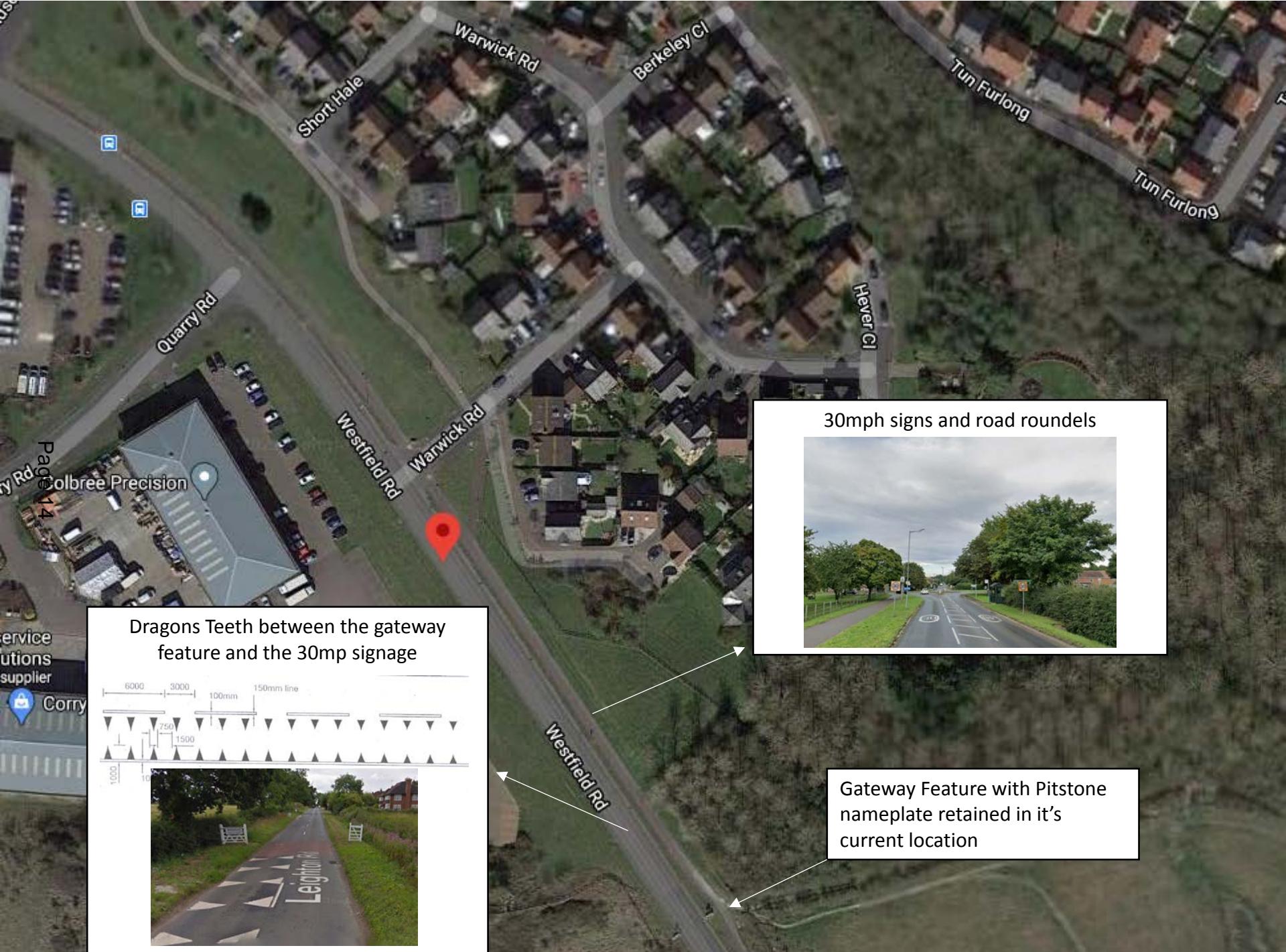
Option Three – leave 30mph speed limit in it's current location.

- Whilst this would satisfy the requirements of legislation and guidance and was considered suitable by TVP and Road Safety, it was recognised that there was local concern with the signs being retained in their current location.

Compromise Scheme

Extending the 30mph by 70m from its current location by installation of 2 new street lighting columns:

- Current guidance suggests that a road should be lit, 5 seconds of travelling time before a 'hazard' is encountered. The distance travelled in 5 seconds at 30mph is 67m, with the maximum permitted column spacing in these conditions being 37m with a standard maintenance LED lantern".
- Therefore, from this (taking the Warwick Road junction as being the hazard), it was decided that the recommended course of action was that 2 new columns, at 35 metre spacing, should be installed.
- This will enable the start of the 30mph limit to be moved a distance of 70m. Giving an overall distance of approximately 80 to 85 metres from the centreline of the Warwick Road junction to the new location.
- Once complete, the difference between the new location and the original location is around 60m.
- This will provide an enforceable speed limit at a location that is supported by both TVP and Road Safety. It has been confirmed that anything beyond this point would not be supported, as this is considered to be too far away from the start of the built up area and therefore would not satisfy the DfT guidance for the placing of speed limit signs.
- The street lighting columns have been ordered and we will be looking to undertake the work as soon as practically possible in order to move the 30mph signs from their current location to the new location.
- Once the lamp columns and signs are in place, new road markings, in the form of 'dragon's teeth' and speed limit roundels, will also be introduced.



Update on Implementation

- The 2 new streetlight columns have been installed by Transport for Buckinghamshire on behalf of the Developer.
- The developer has ordered larger, replacement signs and is making arrangements for these to be erected as soon as they are received from the manufacturer. The suggested date for completion is 9th June.
- The Dragon's teeth markings and speed limit roundels will be installed over the summer period, during drier weather and when other remedial works will be taking place on the estate.
- The maintenance period for the development will end in November, following which the roads and footways on the estate will be adopted as public highway.

Community Board

- If, following the adoption of Westfield Road, the Parish Council or local community wish to pursue changes such as the introduction of traffic calming, then this is something that can be explored through the Community Board.
- Speed surveys will be undertaken by TfB once the road has been adopted and the new speed limit is in situ, along with its supporting infrastructure, dragons teeth etc. Results will then be fed back via a future meeting of the Community Board.
- Any scheme would be required to comply with the relevant guidance and legislation in place at that time.

Available at: <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/news/tackling-the-long-grass-and-protecting-wildlife/>

Tackling the long grass and protecting wildlife

23 Jun 2021, 11:21 a.m.

Grass verges across Buckinghamshire have seen a growth spurt in recent weeks because of the weather conditions this spring, in particular the very wet May followed by a hot June which created perfect growing conditions.

Maintaining our rural verges is a priority for Buckinghamshire Council, especially at road junctions where long grass might impact visibility. We are very conscious of this year's sudden growth and want to reassure people that our planned cutting programme is ahead of time this year.

We cut the grass between April and October and the programme is carefully timed as doing it too early would mean too much growth at the end of the summer meaning the grass would stay long over winter. We have already carried out two rounds of junction visibility cuts and started our main verge cutting programme this week.

We carefully balance this essential maintenance with the need to protect wildflower and wildlife habitats along roadside locations. To this end, Buckinghamshire Council and Transport for Buckinghamshire have been working with the Bucks and Milton Keynes Natural Environment Partnership to trial a new Wilder Road Verges project, where we are changing our approach to verge management at carefully selected pilot sites. At these locations, which have been chosen so safety isn't compromised, we have been letting the grass and wild flowers grow longer, which provides a source of nectar for butterflies, bees and other pollinating insects. These sites will be cut less regularly to also encourage more fine grass and wildflowers to grow.

Councillor Steve Broadbent is Buckinghamshire Council's Cabinet Member for Transport. He says:

"We are well aware of the length of the grass verges across the county and I want to assure residents we are onto it and have started the verge-cutting programme ahead of time. We prioritise road junctions where long grass and hedgerows can impact visibility and I know this has been a recent concern for many people, but please be assured we are working on it.

"I also know that many residents want us to manage this in a balanced way and protect verges for wildlife in places where it's safe for the grass to grow longer, so

I'm really pleased that we have started to trial a different way of managing verges in some parts of the county letting the grass and wildflowers grow longer without cutting them back as often."