

District Councillor Update – Barford PC Meeting 5 November 2014

Cherwell Local Plan

The consultation period for the Cherwell Local Plan came to an end on 3 October. It was presented to full council on 20 October and passed after much debate. The inquiry will resume on 9 December and is expected to conclude before Christmas, a final decision is anticipated three months later. The revised number of dwellings to be built in Cherwell has increased between 2011-2031 from 16,750 to 22,800 but both the Barfords remain in the same category and are unlikely to be directly affected.

Deddington Neighbourhood Plan

The Deddington Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire was distributed to parishioners during October and is now being collected ahead of the 9 November deadline, the response has been encouraging. The information will be collated before being presented to Cherwell District Council in Q1 of 2015.

Parish Liaison Meeting

The Parish Liaison Meeting will take place on 12 November at the Council Chambers of Cherwell District Council, Bodicote House, Bodicote. There will be a Drop-In session from 5.45pm-7.00pm, including a buffet from 6pm. The main Parish Liaison Meeting begins at 7pm and will include the following; Chairman's Welcome & Introduction, Leader's Overview & Local Strategic Planning Update, Local Plan Update, Development Control Planning, Rural Broadband, Register of Local Heritage Assets, Cherwell Community Bank and finally the Chairman's Summary. The meeting is scheduled to end at 9pm but can exceed this if there is much to discuss and debate.

Environment Agency - Barford Flooding

After several attempts to locate the relevant person at the EA I am glad to report that progress has been made and a site meeting was held at Barford Bridge on 22 October to discuss a way forward to remove weeds and blockages to the river in the hope of reducing flooding. Two members of the EA attended as did Councillor Styles, ex Cllr Woolgrove and myself. It was agreed that the EA would assist with clearing a section of the river near the bridge if Barford Parish Council could provide a working party to assist. The morning of 22 November (Saturday) has been agreed as the date for the work to be carried out and I hope we can encourage parishioners to come along to assist in the clear up.

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