

Clerk's Report – February 2019

Village Issues

NEW THIS MONTH		
Uncertainty over future of The Wheatsheaf	It has been agreed (via Email) that BBPC would apply to renew the Wheatsheaf's Listing as an Asset of Community Value. Clerk has contacted MKC and left 3 voicemail messages & 3 emails to date (18/2/19) Awaiting Reply from MKC	
Dangerous driving and ongoing hazards around Station Road/Brickhill Street junction and mini roundabout.	<p>Following yet another near miss, the residents of 3 Station Road, are becoming increasingly concerned about how dangerous it is to live near the Mini-Roundabout. Vehicles come over the Railway Crossing and go left up towards the village, as if they are on Silverstone Racetrack. There is desperately a need for some form traffic control after the level crossing. The resident pointed out that there is a warning Horse Sign in the hedgerow and suggested this post could be used to hold a suitable sign.</p> <p>It was also pointed out that, when the crossing gates are down, vehicles queue back up as far as Greenways, causing impatient drivers to race down the wrong side of the road and take the roundabout, towards the A5 the wrong way round. This is a serious accident waiting to happen! The resident asked the Council to deal with situation as a matter of urgency.</p> <p>The resident was informed of the ongoing efforts made over the years by BBPC and others to resolve this situation. We are still awaiting advices from MKC on the warning signs proposed in 2018. We were initially advised that funding was available to do this asap for installation before the end of March of that year, however no signs have been installed.</p>	
COMPLETED THIS MONTH		
Parish/Community Cleanup Fund	Request for 5 x Litter Picking Kits and 2 Deep Cleans (Pavements: Station Road and Greenways) approved by MKC. Awaiting delivery of kits and timetable for deep cleans.	
Street Light Out on Station Road (2SR)	Log number: FS101505153. This light keeps failing and MKC has been advised of this. Repaired	Complete

ONGOING		
Parking in Rushmere Close	Resident complained that vehicles (including a van) often park almost on the junction, creating a hazard. Other drivers have to pull onto the wrong side a blind junction to avoid them. Clerk advised resident that BBPC has no power of enforcement, so illegal or dangerous parking should be reported to TVP via 101 and that MKC Highways is responsible for line painting. Clerk to monitor parking situation. Request forms for line painting received from MKC via Cllr Hopkins should yellow lines be needed.	Ongoing
Broken Hitch Posts on Station Road	This was because of a car accident due to the Snow. This was reported to MKC on 20/03/2018 - awaiting update. It was agreed at the October 2018 meeting by BBPC that the wooden bollards (hitch posts) were no longer necessary and should be removed. MKC made a site visit in early December but went to the wrong place (Parish Clerk's address, not the site of the bollards). The correct location was again reported to MKC. Update awaited. Residents of 27 Station Rd Requested hitch posts remain in situ outside their and their neighbour's properties.	Ongoing
Flashing lights for traffic calming during school drop offs ('Wig-Wags') out of order	Reported on 01/03/2018 to MKC- Chased on 12/03/2018- Have received notification from MKC that the lights have been inspected and work has been identified. Reported to Environmental Services by Phil Jeffs at MKC 10/12/18	Ongoing
Steep Hill warning sign by Church car park knocked down and lying on road	Log Number: FS82258357: Reported 20/7/18 – Marked as closed request by MKC but will need to be followed up until sign is either repaired or replaced. Log Number: FS82634314 – Allocated new log number 24/7/18 MKC will repair/replace in due course, but not considered urgent.	Ongoing
Broken and damaged bollard and signage on Station Rd mini Roundabout following minor RTC	FS82246512 Reported 20/7/18 Update 23/7/18: Contractors have completed a temporary repair to make the site safe. MKC says permanent repair will be completed "as soon as possible"	
Fallen trees leaning across entrance to old Blind Pond Farm site	Log Number: FS78446999. Since Planning Permission has been granted for this site, it appears unlikely that this situation will change before any building work begins.	Ongoing
Ringway Community Projects – Street Furniture Maintenance.	The location of 3 benches (Village Green, Greenways and Station Rd) had been advised to Ringway for their operations team to consider repainting – Ringway have advised they still would like to assist and once the weather improves, they will confirm the date the work will take place	Ongoing
Yellow Line Painting at Bus Stop	This item was raised to MKC a while ago and we were advised in March 2017 that it had been incorporated into the lining programme but if no action was taken the matter should be chased. The lines have still not been painted to date so MKC was asked to investigate. Their response	Ongoing

	was that budget restraints left them with no funds to refresh white or yellow lines. It hoped budget will be available April 2018 and Highways will attend to check the area and add the location to the list but cannot promise they will be repainted as it is done on a priority basis. Awaiting update.	
Roundabout/ Junction Brickhill Street & Station Road	Awaiting advices from MKC on the proposed warning signs. We were initially advised that funding was available to do this asap for installation before the end of March, however no signs have been installed. Awaiting update.	Ongoing

In the event of additional or revised items being raised after the initial publication of the Clerk's Report, an amended version will be produced and distributed prior to the meeting. **Items highlighted in yellow are being proposed for comment/discussion**. Any other item to be discussed by Council should be advised to the Chair. Any other items the public wish to have discussed should be raised during the Public Session.

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17 February 2019