

Correspondence – July 2022

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| 11/7/22 | Resident of the Slade | Speeding on the Slade |
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I'm sorry to be a pain and hate moaning, but traffic speeding on The Slade continues to concern me having once again witnessed this past weekend, the most reckless driving by numerous motorists, and I still don't know why the residents should put up with motorist breaking the law passed our properties 100's of times a day!?

As I mentioned in my previous email , I still don't feel 20mph signs will do anything to deter many motorists. I also still find it hard to believe that more isn't done to enforce the speed limit on The Slade, especially due to the location of the Primary School

But something more has to be done and quickly as the current state of affairs shouldn't be, and can never be, 'just accepted'!!

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| Resident of Market St | New parking spaces opposite old Post Office |
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We understand that there are plans to remove the double yellow lines opposite the old Post Office, replacing them with some parking places on either side of our driveway which exits on to Market Street. We are concerned that they should be positioned so that adequate space and site lines are provided for us to safely and easily enter and exit our driveway. At present we regularly struggle to get in and out because, despite the current yellow lines across our drive, people park so close we are regularly forced to make multiple maneuvers and even mount the opposite pavement. This is especially difficult for us when large 4x4s and work vans are parked there as these are not only particularly wide but also encroach upon our driveway when they are parked right up to the end of the yellow lines but still legally.

We would be grateful if someone could make a site visit so that we could properly explain the difficulty and hopefully make the case for the parking places to be positioned to give more space than is currently afforded by the yellow lines across our driveway.

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| 12/7/22 | Residents of Sturt Rd | Grass cutting at Fiveways |
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Has there been any progress concerning the cutting of the grass bank outside the houses on the junction at Fiveways? It is now a total mess and as everything is so dry I would think it is now becoming a fire risk. The bank has always been cut by contractors so there must be a record as to who did as they had to be paid. How come the grass bank outside Jeff's terrace and the flats opposite have been cut? I look forward to a positive result but I won't hold my breath!

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| 30/7/22 | Liz Leffman | Response to grass cutting at Fiveways |
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Hi Lisa

I have had a conversation with the team about this. Yes, the area on the map shows that this comes under the county council. However, the current policy is that where there is no negative impact on road visibility, we are not cutting the verges hard back, as you may have noticed recently, but leaving the grass to grow naturally. We will cut the strip next to the road but not the rest of the grass. This is for reasons associated with cost but also in order to encourage biodiversity.

If the town council wants it to be cut it can be done but OCC would charge for that.

I am going to ask our Environment portfolio holder to look at issuing clear guidance to towns and parishes about grass cutting so that there is no doubt about this in future

Best regards

Liz

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| 8/7/22 | Resident of Hixet Wood | Antisocial behaviour |
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I would like to report several issues with my neighbour, who lives at Halcyon Drift, Hixet Wood, Charlbury.

Firstly, he leaves his properties (Pixy Cottage, Whisper ship and Halcyon Drift) in a state of extreme neglect. There are several holes in the roof of these properties. The damage to Pixy Cottage's roof is affecting both my property and my other neighbours' home as it is causing water damage to both neighbouring properties. Furthermore we have noticed that rats have inhabited the roof space.

The climbing plants at the front of both properties are not cut back regularly. This obstructs traffic and makes it difficult for other neighbours to find appropriate parking spaces on Hixet Wood. I have been informed that earlier this year, the town council has arranged for the hedges on Whisper ship to be cut back. However, the cuttings have been dumped right in front of our front door, creating a large rotting compost heap. The neighbour has never removed these cuttings, and they are clearly visible from Hixet Wood. I have attached some images of these issues.

I would also like to report additional antisocial behaviour which we have already reported to Thames Valley police. Recently the neighbour purposefully threw the contents of a hot cup of tea across the fence aiming at both myself and my partner. My partner also has two young children who live with us half of the time, and we are now concerned about their safety.

I hope the council can assist with the issues regarding the neglect of these properties, which are negatively affecting several neighbouring houses.



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| Resident of Hixet Wood |
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Phone complaint about overgrown bushes outside Whisper Ship on Hixet Wood
Also, about removal of dog waste bin at Cornbury

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| Andy Graham's response |
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I am unsure of what to add at this stage but possibly environment health but will explore empty homes as the main issue.

Will explore and come back.

Andy

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| 30/6/22 | Resident of Hixet Wood | Removal of dog bins – Narrow Lane/Cornbury |
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Dear Andy and Liz,

Apologies for having to bring this to your attention, but I am concerned that the policy introduced by the previous WODC administration in relation to the removal of the few remaining stand-alone dog waste bins in and around Charlbury is being implemented without consideration for the impact caused.

As you will have seen from the forum on Charlbury.info, two well-used stand-alone bins were removed at the end of last week and thus far have not been replaced by multi-purpose waste bins. These were 1) on the green space between Marlborough Place and Narrow Lane; and 2) at the North Lodges entrance to the footpath that runs along the Cornbury Park deer fence (footpath 175/1/40). It is not as though these bins were under-utilised; in fact, the opposite was the case. In particular, the removal of the bin by the Cornbury lodges means that there is now no dog-waste disposal facility between Fiveways and Church Street, yet the WODC staff responsible for implementing this policy must have been aware that this footpath is heavily used by all sections of the public, as well as being a designated cycle route. As it happens, there has also been an increase recently in the amount of general litter left lying around, especially on the bridge over the river, and the provision of a replacement multi-purpose bin at this point would be a great improvement over what was there before.

I would be grateful if you could find out why these two bins in particular have not been replaced, and request that new multi-purpose bins be installed at these locations as a matter of urgency.

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| 13/7/22 | WODC - Louise Oddy | Replacement of bins |
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Thank you for your email yesterday. As promised, I went out to Charlbury to look at the two issues that have been raised with me about waste bins.

My assessment of each issue is below and I also took the opportunity to look around the town. The good news is that I didn't see any litter or dog waste so the work we did with the Town Council has improved the appearance of the waste bins and we have seen a reduction in reported overflowing bins.

Marlborough Place / Narrow Lane – This bin was in a residential area and therefore it would not within our policy to put a bin here which is why it was removed, below is a map showing the location. When I visited the area there was no evidence of litter or dog waste which is a general indicator that there is no requirement for a dual bin. In residential areas, we encourage residents to

take their waste home with them and dispose of it in their household wheelie bin. Bins are generally located in 'strategic' locations like junctions (eg there is one at Five Ways and a number in Market Street/Church Street). Based on the evidence I have I am not proposing to install a dual bin in Marlborough Place / Narrow Lane. If this is something the parish council feels is necessary, they can purchase and pay for a dual bin to be emptied.

Footpath by North Lodge, Cornbury Park – My understanding is there was a 30ltr dog bin at the kissing gate entrance of Cornbury Park, behind North Lodge.

Whilst I was at the site I spoke with the resident of North Lodge Who is also an employee of Cornbury Park. He was very helpful and outlined that the path is heavily used by dog walkers. Whilst I was there I undertook an inspection and there was no evidence of litter or dog waste which is a general indicator that there is no requirement for a dual bin.

The council only places bins on adopted highway so this site would not fit within our policy. Having said that we do need to recognise that the footpath is used, mainly I suspect by residents, to walk their dogs and with this in mind I am proposing the following additional bin to account for residents and visitors who walk into and out of Cornbury Park via North Lodge.

The map below shows the location of the previous 30ltr dog bin which is marked with a red cross. People walking into the park via North Lodge will either come from the south east from Five Ways along Grammer School Hill or from the North West from Park Street along Grammer School Hill. There is already a new dual bin at Fiveways that enables people walking to and from this direction to dispose of litter/dog waste. I am proposing to install a new dual bin next to the lamp post in Grammer School Hill near to the Pre-School, see picture below. This will enable people walking to and from this direction to dispose of litter/dog waste. In addition, the new bins are three times the size of the old dog bin so there will be a significant increase in capacity to help dog owners

I hope this is clear and the location of the two new dual bins are shown with blue circles on the map below.

My intention is to add the installation of the new bin to the snagging list and ask Ubico to complete the works.

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| 14/7/22 | WODC/Gary H | EV charging at Spendlove |
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I would like to propose that WODC gives us permission to install 4 Lamp Post EV Charging Points at the Spendlove Centre Car Park. There are 2 lamp posts adjacent to parking slots and 2 posts that look like they have an electric supply. (Photos attached). I have marked the lamp posts and posts on the attached map.

The proposal would be to ask Shell Ubitricity to provide the points as they will 100% fund the installs with a mixture of Grants and Match Funding. There would appear to be no cost to either WODC or the Town Council. You can see the details here: <https://www.ubitricity.com/charge-points-uk/>

I am quite happy to do all the work involved myself but obviously, will need WODC approval. Who do I need to talk to at WODC?

Dear Councillor Harrison,

Thank you for your email and your interest in getting EVCP installed in Charlbury.

WODC is part of a partnership bid for Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) funding which was announced a couple of months ago. The LEVI fund is being administered by the Energy Savings Trust and they are looking for pilot projects which will deliver EVCPs to primarily benefit residents who do not have their own off street parking. We put forward three sites for EVCP installations in WODC which included the Spendlove car park, Charlbury. The bid was submitted in mid- June and we should hopefully hear the outcome in August.

If the bid is successful we will be in touch with you to discuss numbers and locations within the carpark for these charge points. Due to this active bid we would not support Charlbury TC undertaking their own installation at this time as it would jeopardise this bid which would give us a more connected network.

I will be in touch again once I have further information.

Claire Locke
Group Manager - Commissioning

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| 26/7/22 | Andy Graham | Shaping the Future of West Oxfordshire summit |
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Being held on 5th September

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| 26/7/22 | Chipping Norton theatre | Request for funding |
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