

Littlemore Parish Council Monthly (May) Report: Cllr David Henwood

Working with Council Officers to deliver new road layouts

Oxford Road: DYL

Sandford Road (both sides): Emmanuel School, No waiting any time

Giles Road/NorthField close: Corners DYL

NorthField Close, Alice Smith Square DWL

Westbury Crescent Public Meeting June 16 venue to be confirmed

Littlemore Community Centre

Funding for resurfacing of Playgroup Playground £10,000 (County Councillor Budget)

Removal of asbestos now complete, new ceiling being installed, work to take six weeks

Installation of on overhead projector

Conversion of Storage area into lettable space.

Cottesmore Bridge

Working with officers on temporary transport solutions for Rose Hill residents,

Modridge Drive

I recently met with officers and residents on Mogridge Drive to discuss a number of issues affecting the area. Following that meeting, I am currently working on the following improvements:

- A pedestrian crossing at the Sainsbury's junction.
- A yellow box junction, similar to the example shown in the photograph you shared.
- The reintroduction of signage at the entrance to the development.
- A new sign near the park, together with a salt bin for use during the winter months.
- Replacement of the dead trees to the rear of the park.

In addition, officers have contacted Peabody regarding the installation of EV charging points that do not require tokens and the repair of existing broken chargers.

Officers are also considering:

- Extending the Armco safety barrier along the main road towards the junction to improve pedestrian safety.
- Reviewing the sequencing of the traffic lights to provide better opportunities for vehicles to exit the development.

There are several other issues I would like to address. However, as the internal roads have not yet been adopted by Oxfordshire County Council, responsibility currently rests with Peabody. Officers are working with Peabody towards adoption of the roads, but until this is completed the following matters remain their responsibility:

- Parking issues throughout the estate.
- Street lighting repairs and maintenance.
- Additional 20mph repeater signs.

As the roads remain unadopted, concerns such as the following also fall under Peabody's responsibility:

- Vehicles parking on blind bends, restricting visibility and increasing the risk of collisions.
- Vehicles parking too close to junctions, making it difficult to safely enter and exit side roads.
- Vehicles parking on pavements, forcing pedestrians, wheelchair users, mobility scooter users and parents with pushchairs into the road.
- Insufficient parking provision within the development, leading to overspill parking in unsuitable locations.

Once the roads are adopted, I will be able to pursue measures such as:

- Double yellow lines at key blind corners and junctions throughout Mogridge Drive.
- Parking restrictions near the estate entrance and exit.
- Additional formal parking provision within the development (which would still require engagement with Peabody).
- A yellow box junction at the Mogridge Drive/A4074 exit.
- A safe pedestrian crossing at Sainsbury's.
- Regular maintenance of vegetation and improved sight lines around pedestrian crossing points.

New Bin Installation – Church Frontage

The application for a new bin outside the church has been approved and the site inspected.

ODS are currently awaiting payment of £350 from the Parish Council before installation can proceed.

Neighbourhood Plan

Working group met on May 17th

David Henwood was nominated chair

- Peter White
- Michael Evans
- David Henwood

The group feel that is a long term project with more than one specific outcome, therefore it would be more appropriate to form a committee.

Terms of reference

LITTLEMORE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING GROUP/COMMINTEE

Possible revised Terms of Reference:

- a) To oversee the implementation of the Neighbourhood Plan, especially in terms of the community policies, and recommend any minor ongoing changes to the Plan to the Parish Council.
- b) To identify projects which will enhance Littlemore in the five policy areas set out in the Neighbourhood Plan.
- c) To draft a three-year development plan for the implementation of the Neighbourhood Plan for consideration by the Parish Council, with approximate costings, based on consultation with a wide range of residents and other stakeholders in Littlemore.
- d) To liaise as appropriate with Committees of the Parish Council, especially Finance and General Purposes, Transport and Parks and Environment.
- e) To report to the Parish Council approximately every two months and to the Annual Parish Meeting, so that residents can be informed on progress.
- f) To review and track changes in the Oxford Local Plan and National Planning Policies, and reflect these in the Littlemore Neighbourhood Plan where necessary.

Newman Close/Armstrong Road

Together with Cllr Stares we successfully supported and delivered a food pitch on Armstrong Road, please do pop along and try her coffee.

Ellison Institute Development

Anne and I, together with Cllr Aga, have met with representatives from the Ellison Institute and Laing O'Rourke to begin the process of introducing play equipment and other community amenities on the site.

These early discussions have been positive and represent an important first step in ensuring the development delivers tangible benefits for local families and residents, with community facilities that Littlemore can enjoy for years to come.

Closing Statement

This year has demonstrated what practical independent representation can achieve through persistence, direct action, and engagement with residents.

I remain committed to ensuring Littlemore receives the attention, investment, and representation it deserves.