



Chairmans Report 2024/25

It is great to be able report a success this year, after several years of petitioning Swindon Borough Council (SBC), we have managed to get New Road resurfaced, although SBC refused to remove the Build-Out at the same time. The next step is to reduce traffic through the village by getting a weight limit placed on the B4005, to achieve that we are working with Wroughton Parish Council, as the area of the road down Brimble Hill is totally unsuitable for large lorries. The final step would be to see the introduction of traffic lights at the junction of New Road / Marlborough Road.

We are, with the help of our Ward Councillors working to get approval for the reduction of the speed in Chiseldon and surrounding areas with the introduction of a 20mph limit and improve the pavements and drop kerbs (especially around the Pat's roundabout).

Issues continue with application of Hannick Homes for 42 dwellings on the corner of Hodson Road towards Wroughton, currently we are waiting for it to be presented to the SBC Planning committee, and we will register our objections, based around road safety, and the ability of the sewage system to cope. However, in case SBC do approve the application we have been in discussion with them to ensure that the development fits in with style of the village around it, so to reduce its impact.

Our Neighbourhood plan has undergone Regulation 16 consultations, and has been passed to a Planning Inspector for her comments, and required changes.

As mentioned last year we have been under pressure to take over services, for example more grass cutting (we are currently responsible for some) and road sweeping which we are trialling this year, as the SBC approach is just to stop doing them. As a result, we have had to put up the precept (portion of the council tax) this year and are likely to have to do it again next year.

We are currently short of 5 Parish Councillors and would welcome volunteers to join us. If unsure, please feel free to contact me or the Clerk, as the public are always welcomed at our meetings, you can also come watch a meeting to see how it goes.

I would also like to thank my fellow councillors for the time and effort they put into the role, and lastly our Ward Councillors that make our job easier by fighting our corner at SBC, and lastly (and most importantly) our Clerk Team and Handyman.

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