

District Councillor Report.

Councillors: Dorothy Walker and Lesley McLean.

Parish Councils: Kidlington, Yarnton and Begbroke

Period: November/December 2025

Enforcement Updates - meeting with CDC enforcement

6 The Closes – The requested retrospective planning application for the informal access installed was refused by CDC. Following this, a pre-application was invited from the developer and sits with OCC as this is a matter of highway safety. (Permission was refused by CDC for the installed astroturf and driveway. Formal action on this will be the subject of an 'expediency' investigation and a report is due in December).

Kebab Kid non permitted signage – Expediency assessment has been completed, also legal papers and witness statement. The papers will go to court mid-November.

Oxford Technology Park – This cycle path from OTP to the canal side has not yet been started. Enforcement will review.

3 Paternoster Court, Yarnton – A roadside gulley was in-filled by the developer to create a works entry. The works are now complete, but the gulley remains filled. Enforcement will follow this up formally with the applicant.

45 Merton Way, Yarnton – Complaints from neighbours that the property is being used as workshop for business use. Photography appears to support this claim but a visit by enforcement did not deliver evidence of this. Enforcement to review if there are further neighbour complaints and a change of use is required.

73 High Street, Kidlington – The applicant has three months to complete works to return the building to agreed planning permission. Implementation period ends 1st December. If works not complete, the applicant will be invited to interview under caution. Following that, the legal department will be briefed, evidence collated in preparation for public interest test prior to eventual legal action. Interview in December, review in January 2026.

Area Oversight Group.

Meeting held on 28th October. A green spaces review is currently underway to establish knowledge of the spaces and use. Park Hill report is complete and will be released at the next AOG meeting in October, and reporting on the next area (Rutten Lane) will be shortly.

A local Priority Action Plan has been proposed and agreed by the AOG, and S106 developer contributions are being calculated to inform the priorities moving forward.

Begbroke Playing Field.

Initial queries on the drainage of the playing field have been made. The Flood Officer at CDC suggests that perimeter ditches may not resolve water held on the pitch but could act as a short-term solution. The optimum solution would be to relay the grounds with inbuilt drainage connected to storm drainage, however, that is cost prohibitive.

Flooding.

A flooding meeting was hosted by the planning team at CDC recently. Information on good practice was shared, along with contacts for emergency plans, and flood prevention provisions. An additional flood officer will be in place shortly.

The Section 19 reports for Garden City and Yarnton have been released, and we are awaiting a further report for Mill End/Oxford Road and Begbroke/A44.

Campsfield House Immigration Detention Centre

Occupation by 160 detainees of the Phase 1 refurbished building is planned to take place in December, while an application for the Phase 2 new build section will be submitted to central government for determination under Crown Development Order early next year. A CDO means that the application will not be determined locally, although the District Council and other bodies are consultees. Phase 2, which will house 240 detainees will not be completed until 2030.

Cherwell residents access extra support

Cherwell's revenues and benefits teams have identified over 1,150 local families that could be entitled to free school meals and nearly 250 residents eligible to claim pension and savings credits.

The council will be writing to these residents with advice on what credits and funding are available to them, how they can apply, and next steps.

Families that qualify for free school meals can also register for [YouMove](#), a council supported healthy lifestyle initiative that provides low-cost and free activities across Cherwell.

Chair of CDC Charities

The chosen charities for this year are Homelessness Oxfordshire and Asylum Welcome. Lesley and Dorothy, together with other District Councillors, participated in the Homelessness CEO Sleepout by joining many others who slept out in the open in University Parks on 11 October.

Roundham Crossing.

We are waiting on updates from officers in relation to this closure. Meetings have been held with CDC Planning, and OUD. A petition has been raised at: www.oxonld.uk/roundham-crossing and leafleting to raise awareness will begin shortly. A meeting with Network Rail has been requested.