

Warden Hill Borough Councillors Report for LWWHPC Meeting 13th November 2024

Insulating Council Properties

Tony's been to see the Borough Council's ongoing programme of retrofitting Council properties with external insulation in Gwernant Road. The initial phase in Dinas Road was completed earlier in the year and the latest phase covers properties in Warden Hill Road, Bala Road and Gwernant Road.

The reason for these works, is to improve the thermal performance of these properties and be compliant with the aims and objectives of Cheltenham's Climate Change SPD.

Public meeting at Bournside – Planning Application

A planning application has been submitted to erect a building on the Bournside School site from which Pip and Jim's nursery could be relocated.

Because of residents' concerns over these proposals Graham contacted the Headteacher who agreed to set up a public meeting where the proposals could be presented and residents allowed to give their feedback.

The meeting was well attended and Graham is now working with residents, the nursery and planning officers to try and address the issues arising.

Tony is on the Planning Committee and so has absented himself from any discussions concerning this application.

The meeting also gave the school the opportunity to keep residents up to date with the latest news from the school including the current major ground source heat pump project.

Morrisons Garage – Parcel Delivery Boxes

Graham had previously contacted the manager at Morrison's raising concerns about the dangerous location of the parcel delivery pick up point next to their garage on Caernarvon Road. Not only were people using the service damaging the grass verge but by parking illegally were causing a traffic hazard.

The manager had agreed to look at relocating the pick -up point, however before this could happen Morrison's nationally sold their garage franchises to another company, Motor Fuel Group. Graham is now pressing them to address this issue.

Boules pitch revamp

Following a request from local residents Tony asked CBC's Parks and Garden's team to work on revamping the Boules Pitch outside the Brizen Centre. This has now been completed.

Salisbury Avenue Rain Gardens

The Rain garden by the Co-Op is nearing completion after delays caused by unexpected difficulties and bad weather. Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust are hoping to redesign and retender for the work on the Green Verge opposite to try and reduce contractor costs. From the street the design will look broadly the same .

September 2024 Floods

Following the September 2024 torrential rains in which 20% of Cheltenham's usual annual rainfall was recorded, Tony and Graham surveyed residents across Warden Hill to identify those roads that were worst hit .

There was a terrific response with over 70 residents returning the survey.

Tony has now arranged onsite visits on 21st November with Severn Trent Water, Borough Council and GCC Highways representatives to discuss any improvements needed.

Police Pop In Events

Our local PCSO's Emily Roberts and Julia Mounsor, are holding another Police Pop In Event for residents, on Monday 18th November 2024 between 11am and 12 noon at Sardar's Café on Salisbury Avenue.

Brizen Youth Activity Scheme 2025

Tony is working with Springbank Community Group to start the planning for next summer's scheme. This project has so far been joint funded by a number of local stakeholders. Though we have already had indications of support from some, we are working to attract extra commercial funding to ensure that the scheme can go ahead in 2025.

Litter Picks

The next community litter-picking events will be held on 24th November between 11 am and Midday (it's normally the last Sunday of any month). If you have an hour to spare, pop down to Salisbury Road Avenue Play Area (next to the Coop) and you can join our efforts to keep the area litter-free.

Cllrs Tony Oliver/Graham Beale 13th November 2024