

Sonning Parish Council – Annual Meeting 25th May 2021

Covid remains the number issue and I am like many others looking forward to the scheduled ending of restrictions on 21st June.

My condolences go out to family and friends of those who have passed away and my best wishes for those recovering from the effects of Covid.

During the Covid no WBC staff were laid off or furloughed. There were no service reductions or closures except where WBC legally had to, such as libraries and leisure centres in order to stop the spread. The staff here were deployed elsewhere.

The Annual Meeting of WBC was held on 20 May 2021 partly at Shute End and remotely. This was a rather odd experience and hopefully will be the last so that democracy can return to normal.

Planning issues still continue. Like everyone else I was extremely frustrated by the decision of the Planning Committee of WBC in granting permission to build 57 Flats off the Old Bath Road, especially when there was a strong case against with a number of objections.

Also, there are speeding traffic issues which can lead to dangerous driving and remain a constant concern. Certainly further traffic calming methods are needed at the appropriate locations.

Unfortunately, litter remains a problem in the village and needs to be addressed.

There is a programme of planting of trees across the borough in order to cut down the level of carbon and help to improve the air quality for all.

Ending on a positive note let us that the future will return to normal as soon as possible.

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