

District Cllr's report – 13th September 2017

On the 6 September, I attended the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting. The following items were discussed:

Horton Hospital - Following the application by Cherwell DC to take Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning group for a Judicial Review, permission was granted on all grounds, and the judge agreed to an expedited substantive hearing before the end of the year. The judge seemed to be very clearly with us. This is only the permission stage, and the next (& last stage) is the substantive hearing, which should be over three days.

Emergency Planning - Following the Grenfell fire the Committee asked for a presentation from the head of CSW Resilience Team for what was happening in case of emergency. My main concern was the effect on the Ward with regards to The Military Camp. I believe that a presentation will be given to the parishes in the near future. The other areas covered were the response from fire, police and ambulance services and flood and other emergency services. Concern has been raised about chemical attacks on the camp.

Police and Crime Commissioner - We were given an update on what was happening in the County and what back up was being planned by the police with regards to the other services. We were also told about cost saving measures. I pointed out about the problems in villages about speeding vehicles, and also asked that the police enforce the 50mph limits. We were told that there were police patrols taking place!

Shakespeare Celebrations - We were informed about the preparation for the 2018 events. I pointed out that if the villages were to benefit there needs to be improvement to Broadband and the promotion of the Historical events and sites within my Ward.

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