

Councillor Mike Sole's monthly report

Kent County Councillor— Canterbury South

Canterbury City Councillor—Nailbourne Ward



December 2021 (an update on what I have been doing in November)

Firstly, may I wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

Parish Council Meetings – With 16 parish councils in my KCC division it isn't possible to attend all of them regularly but I'm very happy to arrange to meet up to discuss issues at other times during the month. In November I was able to attend the following parish council meetings:

Bishopsbourne – Drainage and gully clearing issues continue. I continue to follow up on the work required.

Thanington – There is much concern about the plans for the Wincheap by-pass (which isn't actually a by-pass but an ill thought-out one-way system through Wincheap and the Industrial Estate). I'm working with KCC and City Councillors to try to get greater community involvement before work on this starts.

Ickham – The extension of the 40mph speed limit through Bramling to past Cherville Lane continues to make progress and should be in place early next year.

Parking Restrictions – If any parish wishes to put forward changes to the City Council parking restrictions, then deadline for this is 31 December, although it would be helpful to have them earlier than that. I walked around Bridge with a representative of the parish council in order to clarify some issues with the council Highways team.

Detached Rural Youth Worker – I met up with Richard Stephens to discuss his role in our area. He is keen to find out what provision exists in the area, and what else can be done. Please let me have your thoughts on this.

Canterbury City Council meetings attended in the month were the Regeneration Committee, Community Committee (where I questioned Canenco on persistent bin problems) and Policy Committee.

Kent County Council meetings attended in the month were, Full Council (I lobbied for extra funding for local highway projects), Growth & Economic Development (I raised the issue of housing developers failing to meet their obligations and promises for new infrastructure) and Flood Risk Management (where I questioned Southern Water on their record of dumping sewerage in the sea and the continuing use of tankering in many of our villages throughout the winter.)

In **Littlebourne** I was able to arrange for the Environment Agency to meet up with residents to discuss local work that is going on in the river.

At long last, **Fly-tipping** that was reported months ago in **Womenswold** has been collected. I am still getting reports every week of persistent uncollected bins in most village – please do let me know bins are being regularly missed.

I was pleased to see the new benches, purchased with a KCC grant, in Hambrook Marshes during a guided visit.



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