

Rudloe Community Centre

Yesterday, Wiltshire Council voted to start discussions with Greensquare Housing Association about the future of the Community Centre site and the area around it. In some ways this is a positive thing because it means Wiltshire Council rejected selling the site to the highest bidder or to a commercial house builder. But there is still a lot of work to do to make sure that any proposal from Greensquare is a good deal for Rudloe.

I spoke at the meeting, as did several local people, and said that any proposal from Greensquare needs to show that it gives Rudloe the community facilities we need:

1. Rudloe needs a community space. If the current Community Centre can't be re-opened then we need a new community hall in Rudloe and it needs to be designed with local community groups
2. We've lost parking spaces in Rudloe over recent years and can't afford to lose any more. Ideally we need to increase parking spaces
3. Last year we fought hard to keep the play area and green and we can't lose them now. They need to be protected

I was really pleased that the Deputy Leader of the Council supported us at the meeting and said that he thinks the play area should be upgraded. It certainly helps when the senior councillors are on board. The final vote contained a commitment that the needs of the Rudloe community need to be taken into account, which gives us the opportunity to make sure any proposal from Greensquare is a good deal for Rudloe.

It's too soon to have any more details but I'll keep you informed as things move on and I'll be asking Greensquare and Box Parish Council to make sure that there are community meetings arranged so everybody can see proposals and give their thoughts.

Traffic safety – Westwood Road and Leafy Lane

Since my last update I've heard back on the results of a traffic monitoring survey on Westwood Road. It turns out that average traffic speeds are less than 20mph so, at the moment, there isn't any action that can be taken on the road. However, as always, if you see dangerous driving this can be reported directly to the Police, giving details including the registration number and make of car.

There is a safety issue along Leafy Lane and crossing the road safely can be tricky. I've been working with the MOD, Wiltshire Council and local residents to look at solutions to the problem. At a recent local transport meeting Box Parish Council wouldn't support or contribute to the plans and so we're held up until they do. I'm still speaking with Box Parish councillors to see how we can reach an agreement, so I hope to report a better update soon.

Finally, you may have noticed a number of traffic measurement cables on roads around the area. This is part of a traffic assessment project to understand routes that vehicles are taking and to inform future road planning.

As ever, please let me know if you want to be removed from my mailing list.

Best wishes
Ben

Ben Anderson

Wiltshire Councillor, Corsham Without & Box Hill