

Chair's Column

Previously I mentioned the High Court ruling against the Government's Salt Cross Garden Village (SCGV) APP inspection. We now know more about next steps. The Government inspector will conduct a further hearing focused on Policy 2, Net Zero Carbon Development and any items that are closely linked, such as viability. This is expected to take place later in 2024. Until then, planning work is effectively on hold.

Have you spotted that the Eynsham Park and Ride is nearly complete? It won't be operational until the A40 bus lane can be constructed, a project which is still awaiting decisions from OCC and Homes England (funders of the work). We expect an update shortly and anticipate that the scheme will be scaled back to reduce costs.

Our main article this month is about joining the Parish Council. We are always delighted when someone approaches us expressing an interest and we usually start the process with a chat over a coffee; it's painless! We're currently low on Councillors, which does restrict how much we can achieve for the community.

Considering it's an election year, it's worth mentioning that Councillors do not need to be affiliated to a political party – none of our Councillors are currently. Our Councillors are entirely focused on doing what's best for our community.

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