

" County Councillor Annual Report

This report summarises the activities of the following member of the County Council during

Name of Councillor

Mr Ozzy O'Shea.

Main Activities and the impact during the past year:

During the last year I have held the position of Chairman of the County Council which is a full time job. However I have always found time for the residents in my ward.

I have attended drop in meetings in Ratby where I join with residents to discuss any issues they have I do that most Thursdays.

I have worked with residents at Field Head to secure a weight restriction on Ratby Lane. I have had reports of lorries breaking it. I have then liaised with the police to enforce this restriction which has reduced these incidents.

I have worked with residents on both Lena Drive and Wallace Drive Groby which is like a horse show it has a weight restriction on it and a local farmer towing his slurry trailer thought he could break it numerous times a day. I worked with Highways and the Police and ensured this was stopped as he was just trying to save time he had no direct link to travel along those roads.

I have worked with residents and developers over concerns regarding the development on the old Highway land in Groby which was sold for housing. I took residents to meet planning officers to allow them to express their concerns re building heights. I also arranged for the developers meet a group of residents on site to try and allay their concerns. I also supported their concerns at the Borough Councils planning meeting.

I have meet with residents in Groby over flooding concerns on several occasions. I have worked with their local lead resident who was previously a senior retired Highway manager. I have facilitated meeting at County Hall with the Flood Authority and Severn Trent. I have worked with a local land owner who with guidance, from the County Council and Severn Trent has put a ditch across their land at their cost. I have also arranged meeting with the Director of Highways over this issue and work is continuing with Severn Trent.

I have been liaising with the police over the number of HGV'S travelling through the centre of Ratby ignoring the weight limit accessing Pound stretcher in Desford.

I have attended fates and handed out prizes out at the Ratby Show.

I have dealt with numerous highways issues over the past year including hedge cutting.

I have worked with a young person who wanted to move school because they were being bullied the young person wanted to deal with me. I gained their trust and met with them without their parents and then worked with the young parents and the deputy director of children's services to successfully facilitate the move which has since proved extremely successful for the young person and their family.

After successfully campaigning for the speed limit to be reduced from 50 to 40mph on the A50 Bradgate Hill Groby overseeing the introduction of average speed cameras on the same section of road.

Engagement with the Council, other statutory bodies and public utility companies (Water, Gas etc) about services in the area

I worked with Severn Trent over several months and I persisted and did not give up finally getting a water leak that had been leaking for some 8 months on Main Street, Ratby traced and capped last year to the delight of residents. I have worked closely with Highways to get them to go back to virgin media and make them return and replace a lot of their poor pavement work around Ratby which has made a great improvement to the footpaths. I have worked with Highways and Western Power to reduce the amount of time they needed to have road closures in Ratby and on one occasion we managed to have them safely do the work without a road closure.

As previous stated I have been working with Severn Trent on Flooding in Groby for over 2 ½ years on flooding issues in Groby which are now looking to take shape with a way forward.

I have dealt with various issues regarding Virgin telephone cabinets, broken drain covers, blocked drains and gully's, damage to grass verges caused by utility companies. I have made contact and dealt with the relevant companies

Priorities for the immediate future are:

My Priorities for the immediate future are to secure Street Lighting for Sachverell way Groby. Currently 33 lampposts have been removed due a cable fault and to alleged corrosion. The cost of replacement was estimated at over £250,000 mainly down to the cable fault and replacement required by Western Power.

To work with and support my Parish Councils

I offer and support both my Community Libraries in Ratby and Groby.

The future of neighbourhood policing is concerning in the current climate. I always offer support and work closely with my neighbourhood beat team

Dealing with a proposed housing application for 175 Houses in Ratby

Parking issues on Ratby Road,Groby.

2) Council Activities

Committees you serve on at County Hall

During the past year I have been the Chairman of the County Council. I have represented the County Council at over 300 engagements. It has been an Honour to hold this position. I have met civic leaders from across Leicestershire and neighbouring counties. I have engaged with communities and volunteers across Leicestershire. I held a thank you morning for over 200 volunteers across Leicestershire at Beaumanor Hall including drinks and a buffet as a way of saying thank you for what they do I spoke to and greeted everyone as they arrived. It was lovely to meet so many wonderful people and thank them for what they do.

Local committees/Outside Bodies

Groby Quarry Liaison Group

Clift hill Quarry Liaison Group

Other bodies – School governors/community and charity organisations etc

None This year

3) Learning and development:

Strategic Growth Plan Briefing

Prospectus for Growth Briefing

Data Protection Briefing

Visited Warning Zone, Leicester

Briefing by the Chief Constable on Policing

HS2 Briefing

Equality and Human Rights Briefing

Briefing by The Chief Fire officer and his team.

Passenger Transport Policy Briefing

4) Other Matters:

I arranged for several areas of Ratby to have parking restrictions placed on the road to allow the free flow of traffic and buses through the village. Namely Station Road, Main Street and Chapple lane which had public support.

I work closely with Trading Standards and write a monthly article in two monthly magazines The Local and The Spotlight highlighting scams that target vulnerable people. I have also visited several residents in my ward and in Glenfield who have been targeted by these scams over the past year. It is refreshing to know that many of the people that have been targeted have read my article, and as such are aware of these scams. They then give me a call for advice. I then arrange a visit and liaise with trading standards who in turn arrange a follow up were necessary. Trading standards will then arrange for phone blockers to be fitted where necessary for constant nuisance calls to vulnerable victims and give advice to others on how to purchase them.

I attend village shows and events within my ward on a regular basis and hand out prizes. I also attend various church services and Remembrance services throughout the year

I attend both Parish Council and Parish Meetings within my ward. I also deliver both a written and verbal report of my activities relevant to their Parish

I have attended events at LCC including the Flag raising ceremony for the Armed Forces and a service to commemorate 100 years since world war 1.

I have attended many services at Leicester Cathedral over the past year including one for the Lesbos Refugee's and one to celebrate 100 years of the RAF.

Social Media

I use both social media such as Facebook and Twitter to get urgent messages out such a road closures and police messages out.

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Signed by Councillor Ozzy O'Shea

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