

County Councillor Annual Report 2021/22

This report summarises the activities of the following member of the County Council during 2021/22

Name of Councillor Bryan Lovegrove

Division Represented Belvoir Division

Electoral Division activities

Main Activities and the impact during the past year:

The Belvoir Division covers 32 villages and 12 Parish Councils. Attending the Parish Council meetings is time consuming but valuable. Like other Councillors I am contacted to resolve a great number of issues for individuals and communities, these range from large to small. However even the small issues are large to the person who has raised them.

Trying to push forward the delivery of the projects under the members highways fund has been a challenge, as many Parish Councils are aware of what I have applied for but as the months tick past I have nothing to report to them about delivery.

Traffic issues and local flooding are two key areas of work that I have been working on as well as trying to resolve the issue of damage to green lanes and byways open to all traffic.

Community Leadership Role

I make a particular effort to attend each Parish Council meeting and feel that I can either answer questions directly or support them with particular issues. As mentioned above supporting communities with traffic issues and local flooding has been a particular aspect of the work over the past year. The delivery of the projects under the members highways fund is critical to maintain credibility going forwards.

With pressures on funding I have been an advocate of the hard work of the County Council in delivering essential services and explaining that there may well be challenges to some funding streams going forwards.

I am a strong supporter of the MMDR, even when threatened through pressures on funding and will continue to watch this area very closely to ensure that the complete project is completed.

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

Through resolving the many issues that arise week by week, I have regular engagement with various departments with both the Borough and County Council.

Through the collapse of a main sewer pipe in late December on one of the main roads into Melton this had a large impact on parts of the division and I was in regular contact with Severn Trent for updates on progress to report back to those concern.

Priorities for the immediate future are:

Continue to support the Parish Councils across the division and hopefully deliver all of the projects under the members highways fund, sooner rather than later. Help to resolve the local flooding issues as these have been on running for several years.

Hopefully find solutions to the mis use of green lanes and byways as this is a particular issue for many parts of the division.

Continue to help resolve the individual issues that crop up from access to school busses, blocked storm drains, pot holes, flooding, planning, meals on wheels, dangerous junctions, verge cutting, Village Hall developments, special education needs, verge licences etc.

Council Activities

County Council Committees You Served On

Over the past year I have served on.

- Development Control and Regulatory Board
- Highways and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Chaired the Scrutiny Review Panel on Recycling and Household waste Sites

Local Committee/Outside Bodies

Over the past year I served on the Combined Fire Authority

Communications

Mainly through attendance at the 12 Parish Councils across the division.

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Signed by Councillor:-

Date:- 30th June 2023