

New issues during month	
A	Phone call from resident regarding the new route for the 35 bus, which no longer stops outside the Westgate and is difficult for elderly people or those with mobility problems.
B	Phone call received from a resident in relation to free cavity wall insulation, which had been booked in with Max Energy and a survey had been completed, but no-one came to complete the job on the installation date and the resident has been unable to contact the company by phone.
C	Suggestion received from resident in relation to the Best Kept Garden competition: <i>"I notice that Botley have a category for best cultivated wildlife garden in their garden competition. Is this something that Kennington could consider for future years? With the ever increasing loss of front gardens to parking, it would be good to recognise anyone trying to actively encourage wildlife, even in small ways."</i>
D	Resident advised that there is asbestos fly tipped in the memorial field behind the substation. Clerk passed this on to OPT.
E	Phone call from resident to advise that a response had been received from the Local Government Ombudsman in relation to the district council Planning Enforcement Team – the ombudsman ruled in favour of the Planning Enforcement Team, saying that they had done all that was required. The Planning Enforcement Team have said that they can do no more about the problem of construction traffic nor complying with the transport management plans. There was an issue on 25/5/21 with lorries parked along Kennington Road and Simpsons Way before 9.00am. It was mentioned that some parish councils in Devon and Somerset have succeeded in getting commercial sat navs changed to avoid certain routes, as well as installing warning signs advising large vehicles not to follow sat navs.
F	The Queen's Green Canopy is a major new tree planting campaign to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Further information is available at https://queensgreencanopy.org/
G	Email received from resident in relation to St Swithun's Road: <i>"I would like to raise my concerns regarding the junction of St Swithun's Road and The Avenue in Kennington, Oxford. My young children, aged 9 and 7, are often not able to cross St Swithun's Road safely because cars are parked too close to the junction, i.e. less than 10m away. Cars that are approaching also appear to ignore the KEEP CLEAR sign marked on the road. And, cars are often parked right up to the KEEP CLEAR sign leaving no clear visibility for children and pedestrians to be able to cross safely. This particular junction also has 5 access points that cars come in and out of within 1 to 2 metres of each other. This is unsafe for pedestrians, especially children, because they are not able to see oncoming cars. This area is particularly busy in the mornings and afternoons when there is the school run with St Swithun's Primary School and Kennington Play Group children, staff and parents/carers, and people going to work. Further up the road on Bagley Wood Road, children from St Swithun's and Small World Nursery School use this route to access the woods and St Swithun's School. Given that there are the new junction improvements being made at Lodge Hill with traffic being diverted down St Swithun's Road, I feel that the safety of young children and pedestrians needs to be improved. No lives should be put at risk in this way. There has been at least one accident with a child, several near misses and cyclists being knocked off their bikes. My children and I have found this crossing to be very busy and unsafe on a daily bases when we walk to school. I hope you can look into this and make the road a safer crossing for children and pedestrians."</i>
H	Email received from resident: <i>"in the May edition of the Kennington Chronicle there was mention of the Parish Council considering 20's Plenty for Kennington - I hope I am not too late to comment. I would support a 20 limit in Kennington to make it a more pleasant and safer environment to live in. I would like to see all residential roads with a 20 limit. The whole of the main road (The Avenue and Kennington Rd) would be good as well. I suspect this might be too much for some, in which case having a 20 limit on the main road near the school and the shops would be good. Rather than 2 small limits of 20 (which would probably be confusing, with a short 30 section in the middle), having a 20 limit from say the St Swithuns Rd junction as far as the post office would be a good compromise."</i> (sic)
I	Email received from resident: <i>"I would like to report an ongoing serious problem with large amounts of dog excrement being left on the ground at Kennington's Forestside playing fields. My sons play for Kennington Athletic FC and attend Forestside every Tuesday for training and on Many Saturdays for matches. Every time we go to the field there are always multiple faeces left lying on the ground. This is a</i>

	<p><i>particular problem along and near the hedges on the perimeter of the field but can even occur on the pitches themselves. During matches and the ball often goes into the hedge and the boys have to go in to retrieve the ball, often on their hands and knees. The boys have to touch the ball with their hands frequently for throw-ins. Their health is certainly at risk from the waste.</i></p> <p><i>It is difficult to identify the culprits who don't let their dogs do this while there are witnesses to see it.</i></p> <p><i>The parish council is not doing enough to police this issue or to clear up the mess.</i></p> <p><i>It is very frustrating that all the boys' health is jeopardised in this way whilst using the field for its intended purpose."</i></p>
J	Resident of Upper Road called to advise that between 9.20-9.30am this morning (4/6/21), three lorry loads of dirt had driven past his house. It was reported that there have been approximately 20 lorry loads per day going past, so there are concerns that these are deliveries for the development sites in Radley, rather than for work in Kennington, so are not following the Construction Traffic Management Plan. Clerk asked for the resident to take details of the lorries (e.g. name of delivery firm) so these could be reported.
K	Clerk has been in correspondence with resident in relation to the Terracycle collection point suggestion. The resident is putting together a survey, which can be shared by the parish council.

Continuing issues

L	<p>Email from PCSO in relation to the vehicle parked on Upper Road without an MOT certificate:</p> <p><i>"I have noted the report that you have made via a webform, regarding a vehicle on Upper Road in Kennington. I note that this vehicle was recently parked in Forest Side Car Park. Are you aware whether the vehicle was recovered through the Council, as I recall that the vehicle was deemed abandoned? Alternatively, had the vehicle been moved before it could be recovered?"</i></p> <p>Clerk passed on information from the district council and requested the PCSO's help with dealing with this as the vehicle is blocking visibility for drivers along Upper Road.</p>
M	The lease of Forest Side has now been completed by the solicitors.
N	<p>Response received from OPT in relation to the bridge over the stream in the memorial field:</p> <p><i>"Many thanks for your email. Unfortunately the boundary for the Memorial Field is the gate and therefore the bridge is not our responsibility to repair. I asked Debbie (our Director) if she knew who might be the owner and she mentioned Mr Dockar Drysdale but couldn't be sure."</i></p>