

Cllr Chris Carr Report for Full Council 24th April 2025

Friday 18 update

I've been speaking with Kevin Powell, the Executive Director of BBC and the events team to put together communications that will be sent out to the pubs to get dates and acts confirmed. I have been told that the events team should now have sent emails out to the pub owners and I will be checking back in with the team about the schedule and plans for publishing the event.

Horses On Babbington Lane

Members may have seen a petition started by a resident on Babbington Lane about an enforcement order asking for a resident to remove some of their horses off of a farm due to the land having permission for agricultural use only and the number of horses are over what would be considered personal use (which the officers have stated would be 3). I've spoken to resident and discussed their opinions, they had applied for planning permission to build a paddock and stable last year with a change of use to allow for them to keep the number of horses they have as well as running a small horse riding school, this was rejected on highways grounds so we looked into what changes could be made to make it acceptable. After looking at the deed for the land however they found clause that stated the land had to be agricultural use and the resident has chosen to instead of going through the legal process of getting an agreement to change the clause and then reapply for planning permission, they have looked into buying land to house the horse elsewhere and are waiting for the purchase of some land to go through last time we spoke.

Three horses will still be allow on the land as well as two horse who will remain temporarily until it is safe to move them as they are in foal (are pregnant).

ASB

There has been a couple incidents of ASB that I have been directed to. One which Neil forwarded me an email about young people drinking and littering on Hall Om Wong park during the school holidays, I forwarded this onto the community safety and environment teams to get the debris cleared and checked back again in case they had done the same again as well as making sure the police were aware and they came back to there would be patrols in the evenings. The other was from a post on facebook about an alleged incident near doctor's park, I passed on the information to the community safety team so that if the incident did occur they could work with the police.

Victoria street car park update

Just a small update. I've heard back about when a report regarding this would come to a cabinet meeting and it is looking like the earliest it would do would be the meeting in July.