

County Councillor Report for April 2021

Mound Field and Gelynis bridge matters: This did not come to planning committee in April and many matters remain to be determined before work could be permitted. I have pointed out that the proposed replacement of the level crossing should be augmented by a bridge plus lift to ensure compliance with Disability Discrimination Act. We have not seen final proposals for the temporary road through Mound Field; this should include a dimensioned and annotated map showing passing places, turning facility for HGVs, numbers of proposed vehicle movements and traffic management system to avoid hazard to Pugh's clientele and users of Mound Field. The activities of Morgan Sindall have demonstrated the need for strict limits on the type of traffic allowed to use the lane leading to the level crossing. We need to see the measures proposed to avoid damage to the habitat for the rich variety of wild life occupying the local fields and woodland.

Golf Club Lane: the original bollards will be replaced by barriers and additional signage put in place; the lane is now attracting many more pedestrian users.

Highway matters: The next phase of work on Llantrisant road will start soon and take some 18 months; this is mainly to install a 4-way set of lights and widen the carriageway. A 20 mph zone covering Parc Radur will be introduced.

Local Hedgerows and trees: I have been joined by local residents in objecting to the cutting down of trees and hedgerows during the nesting season. Regrettably, the legislation is easily circumvented by employing an ecologist to observe the work and statutory undertakings and developers use this ploy.

School admission: primary school places are allocated; I assume that no problems have materialised as none has been notified to me.

Refuse collection: in the event of a delayed or missed collection, leave the refuse out and advise me if it is not collected the following day. The changes were undermined by staff absence but it was a complex project

Library: Radyr library is now partly re-opened but it is necessary to phone to reserve a slot.

Parc Radur play area: the detailed camera survey has produced a proposed solution and the money to implement it is largely in place. We will be meeting soon to agree implementation but it is a big project, which will take some time.

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