



**Bratton Parish Council**  
**Report by the Chair to the Westbury Area Board**  
**5 December 2019**

1. This short report updates the Area Board on the matters of interest to them relating to Bratton Parish Council

**BRATTON PRE-SCHOOL**

2. At its meeting on 12 November the Council has decided to enter into a lease of the Pavilion and the adjoining small children's play area with Cygnets to establish a pre-school in Bratton. Cygnets is a parent committee that currently runs the pre-school at Westbury Leigh. Over the next few weeks work will be continuing with Cygnets to thrash out all the details and develop a specification for the alterations and improvements that will need to be made to the Pavilion.
3. The Council has awarded a grant of £3,000 to help with the cost of the work and has also awarded a contract to a Consultant Surveyor to carry out a 'longevity' assessment of the Pavilion as both the Council and Cygnets need reassurance that the building has a significant future without the need for major expenditure.
4. This initiative has been supported by the Area Board and I hope that if a further application is made for funding the Area Board will note the significant contribution the Parish Council has made. The project has the positive support of Bratton Primary School and the long term aim which the Council will work towards alongside Cygnets and the School is establishing the pre-school on the site of the school

**B3098 and Court Lane**

5. The Council is working with CATG to deliver initiatives to manage the speed of traffic on the B3098 and Court Lane where an Action Group has been formed to press for the introduction of a 120mph speed limit on the section of road down from the junction with the B3098 to the 30pph speed limit sign on Trowbridge Road.
6. Support is being sought from the Area Board to enable the purchase of a SID.

**RECREATION GROUND**

7. The Parish Council would like to thank the Area Board for its continued support of the Recreation Ground Committee that manages this facility. It has now developed into a first class venue for both football and cricket. The ground is now available to serve all the teams and sporting initiatives within the Westbury and indeed Trowbridge Community Areas.

**BUDGET 2020/21**

8. At its meeting on 12th November the Council considered its draft budget for the next financial year. The budget will finally be confirmed at its meeting in January but the draft budget proposed is just under £40,000. For the third year running the Council has been able to set a budget that does not require any increase in Council Tax. The

Council will continue to offer significant financial support to the Jubilee Hall and the Recreation Ground as well as supporting the Tidy Bratton Group in ensuring the Village is clean and tidy.

**AREA BOARD**

9. I will be present at the meeting to expand on any issues the Board may wish to raise.

Jeff Ligo  
Chair of Bratton Parish Council  
25 November 2019