

## WENDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **Public Meeting 20 September**

The Parish Council wishes to thank all who came to the meeting on 20 September. Including guests from Oxfordshire County Council, Cllr Ian Corkin (OCC) and Cllr David Hughes (CDC), over 40 members of the community came along.

The meeting dealt with two big issues – the long term future of the S5 Bus service and the proposals to make crossing the A41 safer.

The results of the bus survey which was started in August are also available on the Parish Council web page at [www.wendleburypc.org.uk/village-projects/safer-wendlebury/public-meeting-20-september/](http://www.wendleburypc.org.uk/village-projects/safer-wendlebury/public-meeting-20-september/)

One of the themes that was raised related to Bicester as the fastest-growing town in Europe. However, the residents of Wendlebury feel that they have been neglected and marginalised as it's extremely difficult to take public transport into the town because it is almost impossible to cross the A41 to catch the bus to Bicester safely.

Attendees were asked to write down five transport, travel and safety issues that they would like to see together with possible solutions.

By far, the most popular suggestions were:

- a pedestrian bridge over the A41 connecting the bus stops and
- a traffic control system at the Vendee Drive Roundabout to enable car drivers to exit the roundabout to turn right towards Bicester.

Other suggestions included:

- improved lighting and clearance of the overgrown trees and bushes at the A41 bus stops
- reducing the speed limit on the A41
- a safe cycle and walking route to Bicester
- pedestrian operated traffic control (to help cross the A41) and
- 20mph limit through the village.

The Parish Council will be working with Councillor Ian Corkin and OCC Highways Officers to help move this forward.

In the meantime, a consultation on the request to OCC to reduce the speed limit through the village to 20mph to protect pedestrians and other road users from the traffic using the village as a cut through is currently taking place. For more information see [www.wendleburypc.org.uk/20mph-consultation/](http://www.wendleburypc.org.uk/20mph-consultation/) The consultation closes on 26 October.

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