



Frank O'Kelly, Lib Dem Cllr for Cippenham Village at the village pond. See Frank's action file on back page for work here & on other issues.

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Cippenham Village edition

“Thank-you Cippenham Village” says Lib Dem councillor Frank O’Kelly.

“Matthew Taylor and myself are very grateful for all the local residents who voted for us in May (see below). Now I’ve been elected I am already working hard for all residents. See back page for how to contact me.”

Slough Council May 2023

Cippenham Village Result (2 councillors to be elected):

Labour: 469 - Elected

Frank O’Kelly: 420 - Elected (Lib Dem)

Matthew Taylor: 405 (Lib Dem)

Labour: 394

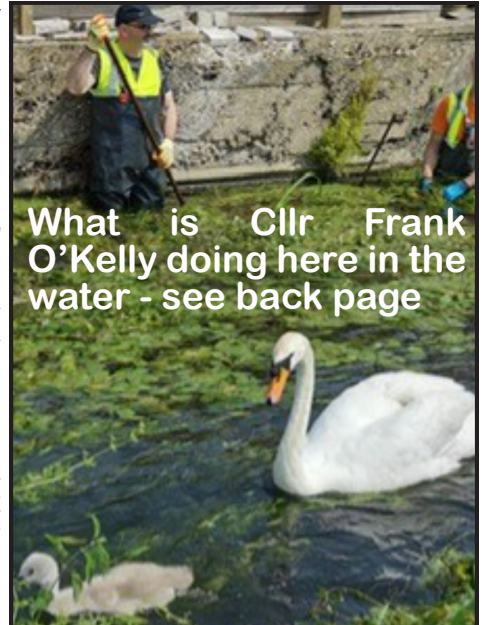
The two Tories and the Green were also behind both Lib Dems and were not elected.

Frank around Cippenham Village

Lib Dem councillor Frank O’Kelly has been helping residents across the new Cippenham Village ward of Slough Council.

The new ward runs from **Bath Rd & Twinches Lane**, through **Cippenham Lane, Lower Cippenham Lane, Earls Lane, Richards Way, Moor Furlong, & Eltham Ave** to **Wood Lane** & even down to part of **Dorney!**

Frank has helped residents including an elderly couple with respiratory problems suffering black mould in their housing association property, and helped address issues facing local areas: see back.



What is Cllr Frank O’Kelly doing here in the water - see back page

BINS & RECYLING

In 2022 Slough’s Labour-run Council had to cut services to pay for its massive debts.

As part of this, the Labour councillors decided Slough’s bin collections would move to be fortnightly from June 2023. The savings from this were then put into the budget in a way that made it virtually impossible for any new councillors to reverse the decision.

Lib Dem councillor Frank O’Kelly has helped residents who have had problems with bins, and he asked the operatives to be as flexible as possible. **Frank was also part of the team that increased the items that can be recycled to include all recyclable plastic containers - not soft plastic.**

Success for Focus Team’s long-running campaign to get utility boxes repaired



Cllr Frank O’Kelly says: “Robert Plimmer & Matthew Taylor worked for many years to get Slough Council to press companies like Virgin Media to repair their utility boxes when they were left dangerously open, like the one in **TWINCHES LANE** (see left). We got this one repaired.

But now I’ve taken it further. The Council agreed to issue a special notice, as reported in the local papers in Sept, to demand that companies repair their boxes. Please tell me if any more need repair-PTO for contact info.”

Cllr Frank O'Kelly's Action File



Cllr Frank O'Kelly helps a local group clear weed to increase water flow & reduce flooding

Frank clearing weed to help stop paths flooding

Local residents told Frank of problems caused when a bridle path used in the south part of Cippenham Village ward, south of **Wood Lane**, becomes impassable because of flooding.

Frank Joined a group to help clear weed in a nearby ditch just outside the ward to help water flow & allow the path to drain, therefore reducing the flooding.

This worked to some extent, but working again with local residents it has become clear the drainage ditch adjacent to the the bridle path needs to be dredged. Frank & Council officers are pushing for action from the Environment Agency.



Cllr Frank O'Kelly at the bridle path south of Wood Lane passable again after the flooding had gone down.

Frank's collaborations on the buses & Cippenham Village pond

Residents told Frank about problems of the Village pond on **Lower Cippenham Lane** being starved of water. Frank and Council officers worked hard to find a solution. While the water flow was reestablished, the situation needs monitoring.

Cllr Frank O'Kelly also worked with residents in the area on problems related to buses, including when two buses park in an area meant for one (see below) and diesel engines are left running. A Council officer came on site to listen. Matters have improved, but this is still a work in progress.



Buses in Lower Cippenham Lane

Frank's road repair request success: In April 2023 Frank asked the Council to repair various defects in the road surfaces around the junction of **Moor Furlong and Richards Way** (see Focus 38). Cllr Frank O'Kelly says I'm pleased to see repairs were carried out.

Lib Dem Cllr Frank O'Kelly working with local residents

Frank has been busy helping many local residents who have contacted him (contact details below) including in the **Castles Estate, Eton Green, Hunters Way**, & many others.

Frank and residents of **Millstream Lane** worked together with the council to stop the installation of a 5G mast on a path used by school children that would have created an unnecessary eyesore in a scenic location. He was invited to join the campaign group photo that ended up in the story in the Slough Express on Fri 2 June, 2023.



Frank here at the back with local residents

Frank says: please contact me or others in the Cippenham Lib Dem Focus Team if you have a Council issue I might be able to help with, or if you could help us, eg deliver Focus in your area

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