



Wyre Forest District Council

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Mrs. Louise Harris – Clerk to Churchill & Blakedown Parish Council

Dear Louise,

Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 10th February 2026

Local Issues:

We have been dealing with the usual routine casework, reporting litter and fly tipping on the main A roads and along the country lanes. Monday we reported fly tipping on Crown Lane, this will be inspected for any evidence and removed.

The Forestry Commission have issued a licence to proceed with logging and woodland management at Knoll Hill, Belbroughton Road. The bridleway 524 (c) is being impacted however the contactors are aware and will repair as needed.

We have just been informed by Openreach Broadband that the Wannerton Area Broadband Scheme has “progressed out of planning now” and so there should be a build date coming soon.

Wyre Forest Issues:

The District Council has agreed a reorganisation order to amend the boundary between Kidderminster Town Council and Kidderminster Foreign Council. Likewise it agreed a minor change to the boundary for Kidderminster Town Council and Stourport on Severn Town Council.

The District Council's new Housing Register System (Wyre Forest Home Choice) went live on 3rd February for residents to register their social housing applications.

The District Council is pleased to be supporting the Kidderminster Carpet Museum with a grant of £50k to help it transform into a wider Kidderminster Heritage Museum.

The new park and green space in Worcester Street, Kidderminster will be named Talbot Park, in honour of local champion Charles Talbot MBE, who died in 2019. Set to open in the spring the space recognises his nearly 60 years of dedicated service to Kidderminster and

Wyre Forest. The project has been funded by the Government's Future High Streets Fund and supports the Kidderminster 2040 vision.

The District Council are considering the 26-27 budget options and council tax is proposed to increase by 2.99%, a modest circa £7.50 pa on a Band D property.

WFDC are looking at freezing car park charges in 26-27 to encourage greater foot fall in the towns and support our businesses. The Cabinet will meet on 11th February to make its final recommendations to the full council which meets on 25th February to make its decision.

If you have any issues, you would like us to deal with, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With our very best wishes
Yours sincerely,

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