

Mrs Alison Cartwright
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Dear Alison,

Churchill and Blakedown Parish Council Meeting – 11th January, 2022

Please find herewith our District Councillor's report to the Parish Council. We would be grateful if you could circulate this report to the Parish Councillors and that it is read out at the meeting, if we are not present.

Could we wish everyone on the Parish Council and all local residents a Happy New Year.

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. In particular on the A451 from the Park Gate PH to the Staffordshire border through Ismere.

Regarding the trees in The Avenue Marcus is working with yourselves on this issue.

Wyre Forest Issues

Wyre Forest House is still closed to the public as is the Green Street Hub save for dealing with housing and homelessness applications.

The Progressive Alliance have increased car parking charges throughout the district. Season tickets are going to be increased by a staggering 50% from £400 to £600 for an annual pass and an OAP's pass from £175 to £200, an increase of nearly 15%. Pay and display charges are going up by 10%.

We feel that there should be a greater element of free car parking within our three towns, sadly the Progressive Alliance removed all of this some time ago. This is an executive function ie taken by the Leader or the Cabinet and this decision cannot be reversed by elected members at the Full Council Meeting.

The District Council has launched a consultation on proposals to introduce new policies in relation to their hackney carriage (taxi) and private hire functions. There are a number of recommendations to help keep children and vulnerable adults safe. Full details of the consultation, including the link to enable residents to provide their views online, can be found

by visiting (consultations and e-petitions – Wyre Forest District Council). This consultation will remain open for responses until 14 February 2022.

The District Council are still proposing that Parish Councils take on litter picking and bin emptying but with no grant from WFDC. We totally oppose this.

For those areas outside the 3 towns, WFDC have given notice to WCC that as of 31st March 2022 they wont cut the grass and this will affect those Parishes in Wyre Forest where WCC has granted the money to WFDC and then WFDC has had localism agreements with the Parish Council to cut the grass.

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

Keep safe.

With our very best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. J. Hart', with a horizontal line underneath.

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