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9<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

Dear Alison,

**Re: Churchill and Blakedown Parish Council Meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2022**

Please find my report for reading at the meeting and circulation to Parish Councillors.

**Churchill and Blakedown Issues**

I met with Paul Green in person in the parish on the morning of 3<sup>rd</sup> May to look at and discuss the following issues:-

- 1 The trees on Churchill Lane at the A456 and the Churchill end for inspection. I have impressed on Paul this has been going on for far too long now.
- 2 The constant water on the highway along Churchill Lane before Wannerton Road. This is to be reinspected. It isn't WCC and Paul has passed this onto Severn Trent for inspection.
- 3 The railings by the stream in Churchill for a full and proper repair. I have had it confirmed and seen the road closure and told this is 5 days worth of work and is scheduled for later this month.
- 4 The concrete post and fence under the viaduct at Churchill Lane is scheduled for 1 days work and despite being told this would be done in March still hasn't been done but it is on the schedule.
- 6 The flooding issue at a property at the top end of the Belbroughton Road with rainwater coming off the highway and flooding the driveway is on the list but no date for the work has been set as yet.
- 7 Regarding the flooding issue at a property along Mill Lane as a result of the road level being affected due to the road resurfacing work I am told this work is scheduled for June but there is some negotiation on exactly what work will be done and Paul Green is discussing this with the resident.

Regarding The Avenue, as I have said previously I would be happy to make some of my devolved funding available to assist with issues such as bollards and

maintenance by chippings and shrub clearance and tree maintenance if the Parish Council and the local community were to work collectively as a joint project.

As stated in last month's report, I met with PC Matt Ling our SNT PC on 31<sup>st</sup> March to discuss the criteria for community speed watch and areas of concern for speeding in the Parish. I have written to the PCC and am arranging a meeting with them and your clerk to discuss this matter. Hopefully it will have happened by your next meeting.

Regarding Perriford Lane which I reported on last month, it has been confirmed by the WCC searches team that all of the said items are on the public highway and highway verge not least the traffic cones, wooden stakes, barbed wire fence, hawthorn hedge and the 3 bollards that he doesn't believe have been officially installed are planned to be removed. I am requesting 4-5 bollards to prevent 4x4's from driving up the large grass verge opposite Hurcott Woods and I would be interested in the PC's views on this.

Regarding the Station Yard car park proposal I am sure you are all aware that the planning application has now been submitted to the WCC planning team as of 28<sup>th</sup> April and residents have until 20<sup>th</sup> May to comment on the planning application. It is now for 89 spaces. I have written to local residents and done a FB post and am keen to hear local resident's views and the views of the PC. My position on the application is well rehearsed and in short, I do not support these proposals as is, 89 spaces is far too many and I do not support the proposed access off Lynwood Drive as I believe it will have a detrimental effect on highway safety. The application is likely to be considered at the July or September meeting of the WCC planning committee.

Regarding the Ismere village gateways I am happy to contribute some funding towards these now that your clerk has received quotes.

### **Wyre Forest Issues**

The planning application for the proposed Quarry at Lea Castle, Wolverley, will be determined on 24<sup>th</sup> May by the planning committee at WCC.

### **Strategic Issues County Wide**

The County Council has been heavily involved in the response to the Coronavirus pandemic working with our other statutory partners.

Worcestershire has a fantastic website Here2Help which is a community action response to Coronavirus. There is also a dedicated phone number 01905 768053 for those without access to the internet. There is now a Here2Helpbusiness scheme as well. (simply google Here 2 Help Worcestershire and it comes straight up.) Here 2 Help is now dealing with the Ukrainian resettlement scheme, working with residents who have offered their home and liaising with the District Councils and ensuring the DBS checks are carried out.

Annual Council meets on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May to appoint all of the committee Chairman and Vice-chairman, together with the Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Council for the next municipal year.

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With my best wishes.

Yours sincerely,



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