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14th June, 2022

Dear Alison,

Re: Churchill and Blakedown Parish Council Meeting – 14th June, 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 7th June 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. I have chased yet again!
- 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. He is awaiting an update.
- 3 The railings by the stream in Churchill for a full and proper repair. This work has now been done properly at last and I am very pleased with this. It does still need to be painted and this is likely to take a couple of months but I will keep chasing.
- 4 The concrete post and fence under the viaduct at Churchill Lane has now finally been replaced.
- 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. Paul is awaiting on a drainage survey.

- 8 I have been out to inspect trees adjacent to the highway at Churchill Farm and am ascertaining land ownership.
- 9 I have reported the grass for an urgent safety cut on the A456, especially at Hodge Hill.
- 10 I have reported the poor road surface in Station Drive near Lynwood Drive.
- 11 I have reported the trees for pruning over hanging the pavement at Mill Lane.
- 12 I have reported the damaged highway barrier on the A456 adjacent to the pavement near Park Hall.
- 13 We looked at 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 chasing a date. It has been agreed that 4-5 bollards to prevent 4x4's from driving up the large grass verge opposite Hurcott Woods will be installed.
- 14 I am chasing the Wheatmill Close alleyway for resurfacing.
- 15 WCC are sending a private hedge letter to a local home owner whose hedge is over hanging the alleyway.

Regarding community speed watch I met with The PCC, John Campion, Supt. Mel Pailey, Insp. David King, PC Matt Ling, Dave Perridge and Dave Hind of the Road Safety Policing Team. Your clerk and chairman attended and I feel it was positive in confirming that just because there is speed enforcement on the A456 doesn't necessarily mean the Parish can't have a scheme. Insp. King is going to lead on this and you should feed in the roads you wish to carry out enforcement on to him via the clerk.

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.

Regarding the Station Yard car park proposal the deadline for responses of 20th May to comment on the planning application has now passed. Officers are considering all of these and I await an update as to when this matter will come before the WCC planning committee.

Wyre Forest Issues

The planning application for the proposed Quarry at Lea Castle, Wolverley, was determined on 24th May by the planning committee at WCC and was refused 7 votes to 6. I addressed the planning committee and spoke against the application as your county councillor neighbouring the area.

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.

With my best wishes.

Yours sincerely,



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