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10th July, 2022

Dear Alison,

Re: Churchill and Blakedown Parish Council Meeting – 12th July, 2022

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

Churchill and Blakedown 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 still awaiting an update.
3. I am still awaiting a date for the painting of the new barriers in Churchill.
- 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 Regarding the trees adjacent to the highway at Churchill Farm I am still awaiting an answer from WCC on land ownership.
- 9 The grass for at Hodge Hil has had an urgent safety cut.
- 10 I have reported the poor road surface in Station Drive near Lynwood Drive but it hasn't been resurfaced yet.

- 11 I have reported the trees for pruning over hanging the pavement at Mill Lane and the lengthsman has kindly done these.
- 12 I have reported the damaged highway barrier on the A456 adjacent to the pavement near Park Hall and this is on the list to be repaired.
- 13 Perriford Lane cones and various other items on the highway have yet to be removed.
- 14 I am chasing the Wheatmill Close alleyway for resurfacing. It has been inspected.
- 15 WCC are sending a private hedge letter to a local home owner whose hedge is over hanging the alleyway but I am awaiting an update.
16. I am liaising with yourselves regarding the streetlight and hedge that needs repair and cutting in the Wheatmill Close alleyway.

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 officers are now considering all of these and I await an update on this matter.

Wyre Forest Issues

Surface dressing is currently being undertaken across the District.

There are concerns regarding the Wyre Forest bus service and its viability and WCC is working with our MP and the operators to ensure there is a bus network in the Wyre Forest.

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.

As we approach the summer holidays all eligible children will have free school meals for the first two weeks and then after that parents can apply through the Holiday Activities Fund if they are still encountering hardship. This is all funded in accordance with the Government's scheme through the Household Support Fund.

With my best wishes.

Yours sincerely,



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