



# Wyre Forest District Council

Wyre Forest Rural Ward Councillors

Cllr. Robin M. Drew

Cllr. Ian D. Hardiman

Cllr. Marcus J. Hart

13th May 2024

**Mrs Louise Sahota – Clerk to Churchill & Blakedown Parish Council:**

Dear Louise,

**Parish Council Meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**Local Issues:**

**We are pleased to report that there are presently no issues to refer to the meeting.**

**Wyre Forest Issues:**

The District Council has recently undergone a Corporate Peer Challenge. A Team of experienced Officers and a Leader of another District Council visited and spent three days interviewing a selection of officers, councillors and external stakeholders. The Local Government Association provides this service which is designed to help local authorities to identify performance improvement opportunities. The Team will provide feedback as critical friends in the near future.

The Connectivity project in Worcester Street, Kidderminster is progressing well; we now await the letting of the contract to the construction contractor and work should be complete by the end of the year.

There will be much more gradual steps to what are currently there, now called 'Step Entry' and also a gradual path down, with benches and a park/public open space. We need to make this area of town attractive to urban living and link up the former Glades site which we want to see developed for residential with the wider town centre. Planning consent has now been granted for this project.

Work is also progressing well at the former Magistrates Court (the 'Creative Hub') in Worcester Street.

We have commissioned a feasibility study for Worcester Street, Market Street, the former Crown House site and Lionfields (former Glades site) and this will report later in the year. We are very keen to see more residential development in the town centre.

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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

Ian D. Hardiman

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