



Wyre Forest District Council

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Mrs. Louise Harris – Clerk to Churchill & Blakedown Parish Council

Dear Louise,

Churchill & Blakedown Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 10th September 2024

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. We requested WFDC road sweeper to attend Mill Close, this was completed along with several other streets in August.

We have been reporting signage (Estate agents boards) on street nameplates and in verges to WFDC for removal. They have been very proactive in this area, writing and warning companies about their legal responsibilities and issuing FPN's for repeat offenders.

We have been out and about in the Parish generally over the last month chatting to local residents about local issues.

New signage for Blakedown car park has been ordered by WFDC and will be installed when made.

Wyre Forest Issues

Work to commence on our ECV points in our pay and display car parks, by the contractor Flowbird should over the next few weeks. There will be a mixture of charging speed types.

WFDC handed over the Piano Building on 27th August to our contractor Speller Metcalfe (who are doing the Town Hall work too) and they are starting on internal

work and work that doesn't require planning permission. The planning application will most likely go to October planning committee, there is a slim hope for September!

WFDC have let the contractor for the next phase of the Connectivity Project and work has commenced on the construction of the urban park. The contractors are Shropshire based building and civil engineering contractors McPhillips (Wellington) Limited and as of 21st August they were mobilising. The main body of the work should be done by the end of the year and the Green Space by Spring 2025.

Work on the Creative Hub (The Old Court) as it will be named and so you will see the name start to be used by WFDC and their marketing agents. The building is being marketed now. The building should be handed back to WFDC in December and we hope to hit the ground running with tenants to provide a revenue income.

Fingers crossed WFDC are about to let a contract for the £2.4m HLF project at Brinton Park as WFDC have had several contractors tender for the contract. The final due diligence is being done but at last we hope for a spade literally in the ground imminently.

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

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

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