

Wyre Forest Rural Ward Councillors

Cllr. Robin M. Drew

Cllr. Ian D. Hardiman

Cllr. Marcus J. Hart

12th October 2025

Mrs Louise Harris, Churchill & Blakedown Parish Council

Dear Louise,,

Churchill & Blakedown Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 14th October 2025

Local Issues

We have been dealing with the usual routine casework, reporting litter and fly tipping on the main A Roads and country lanes and continue to monitor all enforcement issues.

We have requested Road Sweeping for Churchill Lane.

We are dealing with ongoing planning enforcement issues at a property in Forge Lane.

Wyre Forest Issues

The Piano Building planning application was approved at the September meeting and work has well and truly begun. The building is being actively marketed for office space on the first and second floors and food and beverage on the ground floor. The project should be completed by November 2025.

The Connectivity Project was due to finish this July but will be December now due to unforeseen groundworks.

Work on the £2.4m HLF project at Brinton Park has finally commenced and the artificial badger's sett has been constructed.

The Old Pals shelter has been demolished, and the planning application was granted on 23rd September 2025. There will be a new café and toilet facilities.

At the last Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting: We received a presentation from our Integrated team of Civil and Environmental Enforcement officers.

The Enforcement Team are based in our Green Street Kidderminster Depot.

We now have 3 (Full Time Equivalent) Community & Environmental Protection Officers and 7.7 (FTE) Civil Enforcement Officers. (This following Additional resources of 3 (FTE) CEOs and 1 (FTE) CEPO.)

Responsibilities include: Carrying out Civil parking enforcement- issuing PCNs, Issuing Notices of Environmental Offence (NEO), Challenging individuals breaching PSPOs and specific sections of the Environmental Act and the Anti Social Behaviour Act.

Their functions: To reinvest in local services / Promote fairness and accessibility / Working with external partners / Educational work.

The Team is making good progress and is focused on Ensuring Wyre Forest is “A Clean safe and green place to live, work and visit” in accordance with our Corporate Plan.

Call for Sites; Landowners, developers, agents, community groups and other interested parties are being asked to put forward land for potential development. From Wednesday 1 October 2025, Wyre Forest District Council is launching a 12-week Call for Sites engagement. This is a key part of a Local Plan review. It is an opportunity to tell the council about land that is available for housing, employment, leisure, gypsy and traveller sites and renewable energy generation to ensure the council can meet its identified needs.

Councillor David Ross has been appointed Deputy Leader of the council. He takes over the role from Councillor Ben Brookes who remains as Cabinet Member for Operational Services.

Cllr Ross has been Cabinet Member for Finance and the Capital Portfolio since May 2023 and represents Franche & Habberley North Ward. He'll continue leading this important work while stepping into his new role.

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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