

Chairman's Report – February 2025

Not too much to report this month. The meeting with David Gradwell from Shropshire Highways took place on the 7th. Present were Cllr Clare Shaw, Cllr Ted Clarke, Julie our parish Clerk and myself. The recommendations of the Road Safety Working Group were discussed and it was encouraging to note that Mr Gradwell agreed in principle with most of these. With the knowledge that there is little or no money available in the Highway's budget, major items such as a new pedestrian crossing on Lansdowne Crescent, were agreed as something to look at in the future.

The changes involving paint on roads and road signs were discussed at length but Mr Gradwell was not optimistic that even the small amount of money required for these could be made available. When the suggestion was made that BHPC could be willing to fund some of these changes, he then became much more amenable and agreed to provide costings as soon as possible.

The question of a 20mph speed limit around Oakmeadow School was something that Highways apparently investigated some time ago when it was deemed unnecessary. He promised that this would be re-visited with the involvement of BHPC.

The siting of our proposed illuminating speed signs involves a few hoops to jump through as regards Lyth Hill Road but he promised his assistance with this. Because there is already a small sign already extant on Lythwood Road, this would be much easier procedure.

Finally, with rumours abounding on social media regarding the removal of the temporary traffic lights by the Three Fishes, Julie ascertained an official response from National Highways that the lights were scheduled to be removed at the end of this week ending the 21st but, owing to some last minute problems, it was now more likely to be early the following week. Good news indeed!

Finally a reminder that the Annual Meeting takes place on the 3rd March. This is an important event where the Parish Council and active local groups can report on what is happening in our community. It is, therefore, also important that the public see a good turn-out of councillors so please do your best to attend.

Rob Ruscoe.