

## **Chair's Report to Full Council 11.04.2022**

- I had a meeting with Graham Downs, Shropshire Highways, regarding an update on the white lining of the Slow Sign on Lyth Hill, I also mentioned that the white lining for mini roundabout at the top of Pully Lane also needs refreshing. GD suggested that a review of all white lining in the village would be beneficial as it would be more cost effective to do it all at the same time. I asked for the update on the Oak Tree at the corner of Lthywood Road and if it would be possible if it was safe, to leave behind a 10/12ft section that could then have a carving made in memory of this tree. GD asked if we intended to replace this Oak Tree and indicated that if we can let him know where it will go, he will organise that for us, could we resolve this tonight please. There is also a new Highways Technician for our area and GD suggested that it would be useful to have a meeting on site to review the needs of the village, I have asked him to contact the Clerk with a proposed date for this, likely to be in May. I also said that we were still waiting for a response from Highways England regarding their view on the the possibility of Traffic lights on the A49 junction with Lyth Hill Road. I also mentioned the possibility of having a 40mph buffer zone as you approach the village from the North on the A49, GD said he would follow these two items for us. GD has provided a direct mobile number for him which was also helpful. A positive discussion.
  
- The Clerk and I had a zoom meeting with Andy Goldsmith regarding the situation with the Scouts and Guides following the announcement that the Gleblands Development was not now going ahead as originally planned. They are still developing plans for a new facility.
  
- I attended an Expression of Interest CIL(Community Infrastructure Levy) Briefing provided by SALC. The key messages from Shropshire Council were:
  - Need for greater clarity of communication with Parish and Town Councils
  - CIL 'Local' Funding is the responsibility of Shropshire Council to administer and spend
  - Greater emphasis on CIL 'Local' funding to be used on Priority A and Priority B Projects
  - Use CIL 'Local' to deliver Shropshire Council priority infrastructure projects in accordance with its growth plans;
  - Shropshire Council departments to identify their short, medium and long term projects to inform better decision making
  - May often be right to 'bank' CIL funding for future identified needs
  - Continue with Expression of Interest after April, but with greater emphasis on increasing the use of Neighbourhood Funds to support Neighbourhood projects

- Joined the Chair's network meeting via Zoom, John Campion was the speaker and gave an update on improving safety on roads. There are Special Road Speed Officers in place, only 16 Community Speed Watch schemes running in Shropshire. ANPR being trialled in parts of Shropshire, supportive of 20mph schemes where they are targeted but must ensure that engineering solutions go hand in hand with this. Looking at Average Speed Cameras in specific Rural Areas. He spoke about the V85 and the benefit of Run in Zones, 60-40-30mph. During questions I asked if records existed for historical enforcement data by the police on the A49 into and out of Bayston Hill and at what frequency was this completed as I had never seen this activity being undertaken. He indicated he would find out and get back to me.
- A small leaving door was held for the outgoing Locum Clerk, attended by a few Councillors, where thanks was expressed for his support over the last 18 months.
- Weekly meetings have been held with Julie Hodgkiss, our newly appointed Clerk

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