Goodrich & Welsh Bicknor Parish

- No new matters arising this month from within the Parish
- Outstanding: investigating 'whose' responsibility is it to clean up area near the bridge of A40
 Highways England); on-going conversations with a local resident re: SEN transport; awaiting
 legal response to a Private Rights of Way issue
- Please also read 'issues across three parishes' (below)
- For residents who want to read my full report, which includes what I am doing in the other Parishes and in Herefordshire Council: please go to: www.wagpc.org.uk and click on the link to 'Ward Councillor'

Walford Parish

- Communications/correspondence with West Mercia Police and Trading Standards re: residents' concerns about non-compliance of Covid-19 measures by individuals and local businesses.
- Escalated Welsh Water leaks on Deepdene to Acting Director for Highways and Transport, plus written a letter of complaint to the CEO of Welsh Water.
- Complaints received from local residents about people walking over their land, some being 'shouted at' by walkers and some wanting to temporarily close PROWs over their land.
 Referred them to notify the Parish Council Footpaths Officer and BBLP PROW Team Leader.
- Outstanding: Increase in dog litter on Howle Hill (awaiting information from Parish Council
 on costs); HGV sign on Howle Hill; Formal Complaint re: accident on WA39 (awaiting 'what
 constitutes a safe bridleway surface' from a group of local horse riders and British Horse
 Society); closure of WA50, Leys Hill junction (waiting receipt of traffic survey); Kerne Bridge
 Launch site (recycling/ecological responsibilities in contract).

Whitchurch and Ganarew Parish

- Residents upset by removal of trees around Kirby's Yard.
- Chasing up grant (including rate relief) applications and funding for local businesses.
- Outstanding: parents worried about children walking/cycling to Memorial Hall from Ridgeway via Llangrove Road; animal welfare/puppy farming concerns at a property in Whitchurch + Monmouth Recycling facilities being closed to Herefordshire residents.

Across the Three Parishes

- Forwarding weekly updates from Covid-19 Link Worker: Matthew Williams and the CEO Summaries on Covid-19 situation in Herefordshire as well as other relevant e-mails/information including this month's decision by Cabinet re: grant for Lengthsman Scheme. To date no key issues or demands have been brought to my attention re: Covid support.
- For e-Parish Council meetings I have informed Clerks that I will only attend the initial public participation session up to and include listening to conversations on planning applications.
- Having continued conversations/correspondence with Highways and Transport, and Highways England re: flooding, drains, potholes, road surfacing and footpaths/bridleways across the ward.
- Commenting on every planning application in the Parish and investigating those where the Parish Council and/or residents have expressed concerns.
- Connectivity continue walk and cycle across the three Parishes. Identifying issues and notifying respective Footpaths Officer, BBLP PROW Team Leader and BBLP Locality Steward
- Continuing to research the number of Carers in the Ward (still awaiting central government data).

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Herefordshire Council (HC):

- Keep up to date with Covid-19 information on https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/coronavirus. The Talk Community Hub Covid-19 Link Workers for the ward is **Yvonne Richards and Matthew Williams** who are employed by the Council to link those who are self-isolating with help, support & services in the Parish. Contact: matthew.williams@herefordshire.gov.uk in the first instance
- 2. See attached Report from the CEO on Covid-19 situation in Herefordshire
- 3. E-Committee and Cabinet meetings to commence this month. Planning & Regulatory Committee to be held every three weeks up to and including September.
- 4. Rethinking Governance Review, smaller working groups and the Alliance have been using video and telephone conferencing successfully
- 5. Informal conversations are being held by Councillors on post-Covid-19 policies and practices where gaps have been identified within rural wards: food poverty/access; building/ supporting community resilience with local infrastructure; faster and more flexible financial support for businesses to innovate and respond to local need; transport strategies to look at holistic systems that link with planning infrastructure and developments
- 6. Did you know you can subscribe for updates on Council matters by signing up to: https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKHEREF/subscriber/new