# November 2020 - Cllr Yolande Watson: Herefordshire Councillor for Kerne Bridge

## Goodrich & Welsh Bicknor Parish (G&WB)

- **Correspondence with/from residents**: i) speeding and increase in traffic on B4229 and ii) articulated lorries blocking lanes + coming thru village (incl. via A40)
- Outstanding:
  - o **TRO 77**
  - C1258 awaiting next steps from BBLP
  - o awaiting legal response to a Private Rights of Way issue in Goodrich
- My full report is published on <u>www.wagpc.org.uk</u> click on the link to 'Ward Councillor'

# Walford Parish (WPC)

- Highways:
  - **Footpaths:** WA50 update from BBLP and shared with Clerk & Cllr Evans + the delivery of two stiles not requested by PFO
  - Leys Hill Junction awaiting report from WPC's Safety Working Group
  - Alongside a bridleway on Howle Hill reports of Japanese Knotweed in hedgerow
- **Correspondence from residents**: concerned about i) capacity of lane by lorries with materials for undesignated track (Woodbine Cottage), ii) concerns about planning white paper (reducing local democracy/accountability/engagement), iii) HGV sign for Church Lane, iv) HGV stuck in front of Walton Cottage driver didn't see 2 x 'not suitable for HGVs' signs,
- Outstanding:
  - Awaiting WPC's response on:
    - Covid Resilience contacts (see attached)
    - Asking land/homeowners to clear riparian owned ditches/drains to avoid flooding (eg. Parbrook) and/or best way forward to mitigate future flooding in Walford?
    - Lengthsman Scheme is there an annual maintenance programme?
    - Speeding in Walford update on the community project to train local volunteers to detect/monitor speeding?
    - HGV sign on Howle Hill at the top of Church Lane (outstanding action)
    - Kerne Bridge Launch site (recycling/ecological responsibilities in contract)

## Whitchurch and Ganarew Parish

- Correspondence with/from residents: i) issue of tenants squatting in private house; ii) council to provide brown wheelie bins in Ganarew
- **Redirection of 201993 (Well Lane)** despite Parish Council objections that the application does not comply with its NDP. Redirection Committee decided it will not be going to Planning & Regulator Committee because it sits under permitted development policy.
- Outstanding:
  - Speed and traffic restrictions parents worried about children walking/cycling to Memorial Hall from Ridgeway via Llangrove Road;
  - Highway England matters: chasing up flooding in heavy rain on slip road at Ganarew/ junction on A40 and another junction opposite Woods of Whitchurch (I'm meeting HE on 13<sup>th</sup> Nov)

#### Across the Three Parishes

- Having continued conversations/correspondence with BBLP, Highways and Transport, and Highways England re: flooding, drains, potholes, road surfacing and footpaths/bridleways across the ward + continuing to walk and cycle across the three Parishes.
- Commenting on every planning application in the Parish and investigating those where the Parish Council and/or residents have expressed concerns
- Being a Facilitator/Advocate for parish residents/Clerks/Parish Councillors and raising/following through issues to the appropriate Officers in Herefordshire Council

#### Herefordshire Council (HC):

- 1. On 2<sup>nd</sup> November, I was elected as Vice Chair of the Wye Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Joint Advisory Committee
- 2. HC has created an automated Herefordshire-focused dashboard, to give local residents a quick and easy way to access the latest picture and meaningful Herefordshire statistics from PHE. <u>https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/covidcases</u>
- 3. Attached is the monthly Newsletter from the Leader which outlines updates from individual Cabinet members and the attached report from the CEO on Covid-19 across Herefordshire
- 4. E-Committee, e-Council and e-Cabinet meetings are working well and will continue for the foreseeable future