

Goodrich & Welsh Bicknor Parish

- Communications from a) resident re: footpath (93) which was quickly resolved by the G&WB Parish Footpaths Officer; b) Symonds Yat East business owner re: no feedback from HC on road issues and c) G&WB Parish Councillors x 2 complaints about sharing the Slow Ways Project article
- **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 in Goodrich; future road/embankment works including Symonds Yat East + Bilbins Bridge
- 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

- BBLP Enforcement of footpath WA1 and removal of footbridge
- Mtg with Ward Councillor (Ross West) re: playing field and sites in Walford
- Conversations and communications with Chair & Vice Chair + Parish Councillors re: Howle Hill Memorial Project, funding for drains, reptile surveys (planning), tree removal, tree protection orders, planning application (Daycroft), Leys Hill Junction (speed restriction of 20mph)
- Conversations and communications with residents re: harassment, bullying, acrid smoke from house flue + smoky bonfires (Environmental Health involved), trespassing, too many cars + people swimming at Kerne Bridge Canoe Launch
- **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, Kerne Bridge Launch site (recycling/ecological responsibilities in contract); Water running down Deepdene (HC BBLP & WW)

Whitchurch and Ganarew Parish

- Communications from residents about acrid smoke (Stoney Hill Industrial Estate). Environmental Health informed
- **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; Highway England matters: chasing up flooding in heavy rain on slip road at Ganarew/ junction on A40 and another junction opposite Woods of Whitchurch; re: re-opening of Bilbins Bridge; 'Keeping the Community Connected Project' with the Good Neighbours Scheme to enable vulnerable/self-isolating to connect to their immediate local community through the internet re: access to food, essential supplies, health & social care, car share scheme etc.

Across the Three Parishes

- **A significant amount of communications re: antisocial behaviour, single use plastic, dirty nappies, nitrous oxide capsules, dog litter, human excrement, clothing and used tin-foil BBQs (plus much more) being left at beauty spots or along country paths/lanes following lockdown measures being lifted/people visiting the countryside.** This has been a real public health problem for people living in rural wards across Herefordshire and is being discussed by Councillors and Officers across many portfolios.

1st July 2020 - Cllr Yolande Watson: Herefordshire Councillor for Kerne Bridge

- Algae bloom in the River Wye (see Leaders Newsletter)
- Continue to assess post-Covid-19 resilience across the ward including access to food, essential supplies, e-technology and support etc
- Having continued conversations/correspondence with BBLP, 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 to walk and cycle across the three Parishes. Identifying issues and notifying the appropriate Parish Council, Footpaths Officer, BBLP PROW Team Leader and BBLP Locality Steward

Herefordshire Council (HC):

1. Nominated as the political group representative on the Health & Wellbeing Board Covid-19 Working Group
2. See updates from the Leader, individual Cabinet members and the attached report from the CEO on Covid-19 situation in Herefordshire
3. E-Committee and Cabinet meetings are working well and will continue until Sept. Our first e-Full Council meeting will be 17th July
4. 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

Please see attached Leaders Newsletter (July) and the Herefordshire Council CEO's Covid-19 Report