

Chairs Report

I need to start by thanking all the Councillors on the Parish Council for all their time and effort, not just on the Parish Council but all the other roles they take on during the year. The running of the community centre, community events, litter picking, speed watch, youth club to name just a few. If I pick out two members for a special mention, Richard Purslow is the corner stone of the community centre, Richard gives up so much of his time organising car park tidy ups, events, maintenance and so much more. Thank you so much Richard for all you do. I also need to thank Sue Mason who has looked after our community centre and bookings for the past 18 years. Thank you Sue for all you have done for our community. The baton has now been passed to Rachel, thank you so much.

The 22/23 year was one of highs and lows, the year started with our clerk Lorna having a serious health problem and I am pleased to say a year later she's back and most importantly in good health.

We celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, then sadly we mourned her passing.

We started the year with a youth club, I attended their tree planting on the playing fields to celebrate the Queens Jubilee. Unfortunately, after many successful years under the leadership of Julia, Mark and a group of volunteers the youth club has come to an end. We thank them all of the volunteers for their contributions to our community and our young people. We look forward to the next chapter and if the community can find a group of at least six volunteers then please come along and tell us.

Community Led Plan (CLP)

We have a CLP, thank you Henry for leading on this is, it a live document and will help the Parish update their place plan in the near future. The CLP is on the Parish website. the document contains our agreed priorities and aspirations for our community.

Quiet Lane

This is a plan to reduce traffic and traffic speed on the road from Cross Houses to Atcham. The design work is well underway. We are working with Atcham PC on this project, and I am pleased to say planters are soon to be installed at the Atcham end of the road. We should see the designs by the summer.

Extending the 30mph limit through Cross Houses and signalised Crossing

The consultation period has ended so we should have the designs soon, these will be put into the Village Pump. Once this has been completed the road works and signage will follow. There will be an opportunity for the Parish to add additional vehicle activated signs (VAS) and also a Village gateway. Again, this will be discussed at the PC meeting with a traffic engineer. The PC have paid for the signalised crossing survey and await the final costings.

Berrington Meadows

The roads, footways, and streetlights on Berrington meadows were finally surfaced by Fletchers and checked on the 13th of January by Shropshire Council. We are now on a 12-month inspection and maintenance schedule. This means that providing that all the roads, footpaths and streetlights are up to standard in January 2024 they will be adopted (taken over by Shropshire Council). If you have any concerns, please let the PC know.

Parliamentary and Divisional Boundary Review

Following the Parliamentary Boundary Review the Parish will become part of the South Shropshire constituency in August of this year. This constituency is currently called Ludlow and Philip Dunne is the MP.

The boundary commission have just published their latest divisional boundary review and at present the Parish will stay in the Severn Valley. This is unlikely to change but it is too early to say for definite. These boundary changes are subject to consultation and the final plans will be laid before parliament at the end of this year or early 2024 to ensure plans can be made for the 2025 Shropshire Council Elections.