

BORDER GROUP WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT MAY 2019

Firstly I am delighted to have been re-elected to serve the residents of Mortimer ward and will continue to work hard to support those residents and the parish council.

I have had discussions with the planning officer for The Nursery site whom I hope has by now spoken to Steve Chilman. I will comment further at the meeting.

The field at Birtley is still obviously causing concern. The planning officer to date has been unable to enter the site as the planning agent is taking part in a public enquiry and so unavailable. He will pursue the matter at the beginning of June when the enquiry is over. I will give further details at the meeting.

I have been contacted by a resident about a smashed cast iron mile post outside of Adforton which she feels needs to be replaced or repaired. I have raised the matter with Mike Brookes as I am unclear about the situation.

As previously stated I will now be contacting Pontralis Group Saw Mill about a contribution to the cost of improving Letton Lane. I am in discussions with Balfour Beatty about the feasibility of this arrangement.

I have pressed the planning officer to make contact with English Heritage about the Gatehouse at Wigmore Abbey. He has stated that now the conservation officer has returned from paternity leave he will pursue this matter. I have stressed how distressing the situation is for the nearby residents.

I have submitted my objection to the adding of land at Jay Barns Farm to Adley Moor Common. I have received no further information.

I am not in a position to advise you as to which party or parties will now be in control of the council or any portfolio holder names as there is still a lot of "horse trading going on".

For your interest 89.8% of secondary children got their first choice of school from Sept 2019 5.1% their second choice and .4% their third. There were 83 who did not get any of their preferences and they were offered their nearest school which had vacancies. There are 4 Secondary Schools in Herefordshire with waiting lists and 5 with vacancies. Although the first choice offer was down this year from 91.5% it is still a good result compared to other local authorities.