

BORDER GROUP PARISH COUNCIL WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT SEPTEMBER 2019

Firstly I have spoken to Paul Shipton who heads up Balfour Beatty and he has agreed that Mike Brookes should get the grit bin in Paytoe Lane replaced as soon as possible rather than wait for the routine check later in the year. He said he would speak to Mike and I am seeing Mike this week and will pursue.

There is a company in Norwich who has written to a number of parish councils offering free stickers "Do not Knock" free of charge to be distributed to local residents. I have advised the clerks that this company also has a presence in Leominster and that the stickers advertise them as a residential care home and home care service. An alternative and I think better solution would be for the clerk to contact Herefordshire Council Trading Standards who produce similar stickers and they are happy to send them out to parish clerks.

The planning application at Turn Farm has been withdrawn.

I have spoken to Mike Brookes about Limebrook. I understand he is contacting the clerk to advise that any signs would have to be pursued through BB but that as there does not appear to have been a history of this happening any signs would have to be paid for by the parish council. Interestingly I did some research as I have a special sat nav for caravans and motorhomes and both Tom Tom and Garmin do a sat nav for HGVs where you put the width, height and length of vehicle into the device and it ensures you do not get directed to roads that are unsuitable.

A planning application has been submitted on the land at Birtley and I will update councillors at the meeting.

There was a Call In on Monday 9th at the Council with regard to the Portfolio Holder's decision to pause the Herefordshire Bypass and the Southern Link Road. The outcome was that the portfolio holder agreed that the consultation had been flawed and should be re-done and that the data base used to send out letters should be updated. He was also asked to remove the pause whilst reviewing the projects and to continue the preparatory work in order to avoid losing the funding by default and also to review the each project separately as the Southern Link Road already has the money promised for it. It is unclear whether he will agree to either of the latter recommendations.

There is a Parish Council Summit on Friday 20th September at 6.30 pm and I would be pleased if parish councillors would consider attending.