

## Written Report for North Bromyard Group Parish Council Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### **North Bromyard Group Parish Specific:**

The VAS (vehicle activated sign) at High Cross, Upper Sapey, a particular accident black spot, has not yet been installed but I have seen the approved plans which feature three signs and latterly I am being promised their ordering by the financial year end, with installation in the next financial year. A further accident, this time by a vehicle approaching from Bromyard, has been reported. I understand that police are investigating this.



Cllr Barbara Williams (MHDC), Cllr Alan Yarnold, Cllr Peter Stoddart and myself met at High Cross crossroads to discuss the proposed vehicle activated signs and what other initiative might be appropriate at this accident black spot.

Following a report from Cllr Yarnold, the recent “flood” on the corner by Yearston Court was advised to BBLP and mitigating action quickly taken.

### **Elsewhere in the Ward:**

Vandalism to the roof of the bus shelter on Bringsty has been reported.

Garden waste has been dumped by the information signs on the Live and Let Live track on Bringsty. The pub, incidently, reopened on 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

The A44 on the Bringsty bends has subsided, and temporary traffic lights enforcing single lane operation had been in place for four weeks, the snow hampering repair works, now complete.

A development of five properties at the Bannut on Clater Bank (A44) was turned down by officers.

No new planning application has yet been received in respect of the Wheatsheaf at the village entrance on the A44, but I am advised that one is now expected and it has been suggested that the agent present the design during the public session at the parish council.

I’m pleased to confirm that the Hop Pole planning application has now been approved.

A new application in respect of listed building consent has been received in respect of 43 High Street following it’s new ownership. I’m advised that a planning consultant is now assisting the applicant and a change of use is anticipated.

The TRO consultation notices have been posted for the double yellow lines by the post office crossing, at the start of Rowberry St by the changed egress onto Church Street. This will enable any



cars parking on the pavement to be given a penalty notice. Work is beginning shortly on the changes to parking in Cruxwell St.

I was disappointed by the split town council decision on the new crossing in Cruxwell St. I had previously quizzed officers in respect of it's safety and positioning and it is sited in the only position that functions with the desire line and within current design parameters. Funding may be lost if the works do not proceed.



I have asked enforcement officers to examine the environ around the business unit on the Porthouse rise development, as the land around the unit has become overgrown and unsightly, affecting the amenity of residents. Ultimately this can be done through a section 215 notice, but land owners generally respond to a request before any statutory action becomes necessary.

I asked a question at Cabinet about the current overspend of the Council which now exceeds £9m. Confirmation was given that the whole of the remaining financial resilience reserve is to be used to address any overspend this year and that only £3m is expected to be in that reserve at the end of next year.

My amendment to the budget, to divert more funding (£600k) to the maintenance of rural C and U roads and invest in the County running track (£70k) was defeated in full council by two votes.

This will be my last report to you. I have enjoyed working with you, however frustrating it has been at times to provide responses! I hope that whoever follows me continues to attend and support your group parish council and it's community.

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