



Ward Councillor Bromyard Bringsty – Peter Stoddart

I hope this report finds you all well and suitably rested after the festive break and that the storms and bad weather over the Christmas break has not affected you. I would also like to take this belated opportunity to wish you all the very best for the year ahead.

Update from Herefordshire Council as at 19 January 2024

The draft revenue budget for 2024/25 of £205.2M was approved by Cabinet on 14 December. Consultations have taken place with the public, both face-to-face and online, with Council Members and we have undergone three meetings with the Scrutiny Board. As part of this we have listened to the public and Council members and due to a better than planned settlement from Central Government we have now overturned the planned increase in car parking charges. The updated version of the draft revenue budget will be presented to Cabinet on 25 January and will then go to Full Council on 9 February 2024 for a vote. I would like to thank the residents of Bromyard Bringsty who participated in the public consultation and have been in contact with me regarding the Revenue budget.

The Capital Programme for 2024/25 has also undergone consultations with the public, together with Council Members and Scrutiny panels which will be incorporated into the planned programme which will be presented to Cabinet on 25th January and to Full Council on 8th February 2024.

I have no further update regarding the 420 bus route from Bromyard to Worcester which is likely to start in February/March.

As part of the project to move the library into the Shire Hall, the Hereford Stronger Towns board have agreed to sign off on the proposed move of the Library to Shire Hall and re-allocate the money to this project that would otherwise have been spent on Maylords Orchards. This amounts to some £3 million and will be ring-fenced for the Library element of the project. It is thus full steam ahead for the move of the library to the Shire Hall.

As the Ward member for Bromyard Bringsty Ward it is my pleasure to assist residents with their Herefordshire Council issues and concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact me via telephone or email if you have any Herefordshire Council related issues.

Specifically in regards to the four Parish and Town Councils which make up the Bromyard Bringsty ward I have the following updates:

Brockhampton Group of Parish Councils.

I have engaged with both Herefordshire Council and Balfour Beatty in regards to a number of residents who have experienced drainage issues around the Malvern Road and A44 areas.

Following a successful visit by the Herefordshire Council Traffic Management team three areas have been selected a locations to position the recently purchased speed indicating device. These are: A44 at Linton coming into Bromyard, the A44 at Linton going out of Bromyard and the B4203 by the Bromyard Town FC going into Bromyard.

Following a request from a resident I have been in touch with the Herefordshire Council Officer who deals with Ash Die back in order to address her issue with Balfour Beatty.

Whitbourne Parish Council.

I am still awaiting an update from BBLP on the missing safety chevrons at the bottom of the A44 just after Bringsty Common were reported by Nigel Shaw to BBLP last year.

Herefordshire's Traffic Management team were due to meet with the Parish Council to discuss their proposed sites for the Vehicle Activated Sign (speed limit indicator) and I look forward to hearing how this went.

It was my pleasure to meet with a number of village residents when my wife and I attended the 9 lessons and Carols service on 10 Dec.

I have also had a number of engagements with Whitbourne residents regarding various issues in regards to the services provided by Herefordshire Council.

Bromyard and Winslow Town Council.

A briefing was provided by the Herefordshire Council Project Manager to Bromyard and Winslow Town Council Planning and Economic Committee on 8 Jan 24, in regards to the installation of disabled accessible footpath from the Porthouse Rise estate to Bromyard town centre.

I have once again chased up Balfour Beatty regarding their plan to install the double yellow lines at the end of Rowberry Street and the move of the double yellow lines in Cruxwell Street to the other side of the road.

As part of my engagement with Balfour Beatty in regards to drainage on the A44 I have asked for a full update on the flooding at the bottom of Linton Lane which suffers flooding due to runoff from the A44. The planned meeting for December did not take place and I have now chased them up once again.

As part of the Talk Community initiative I am pleased to hear that from Tuesday 23rd January, Carer Links will be running a drop in from 10am to 12pm every 4th Tuesday from the Bromyard Centre, providing carers locally with information, advice and a listening ear.

North Bromyard Group of Parishes.

A number of residents have made me aware of their concerns and issues with the B4203. I am currently engaged with Herefordshire Council Road Safety Officer to identify how we can address these.

A resident informed me that a dog poo bin, which was located outside of her residence in Upper Sapey was full and was a health hazard. She had been in touch with various officials but to no avail. Following my engagement with the Herefordshire Council Waste Officer we have now addressed this and it has been added to the list of bins that Balfour Beatty regularly service.

If you wish to contact me, my contact details are

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