

H2021/087 Speed Indicator Devices

The funding from the Police & Crime Commissioner has arrived and the order has been placed. However, members understood that TWC is under immense pressure due to staff shortages and other priorities around the Borough, including the flooding. Therefore there is likely to be a delay in the posts being erected.

H2021/088 Highways & Transport

Using My Telford to report requests for action

Residents are encouraged to report 'requests for action' such as potholes or uneven paths direct to TWC via My Telford. This generates a reference number which can be followed up if action is delayed.

If there is a delay in action, the reference numbers will be used by the Parish Council to chase up the report.

Transport in Rural Areas

The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk had attended a very useful meeting, along with representatives of other Parishes, with Matt Powell from TWC. TWC has engaged the services of an external company to undertake the current Transport Review. They are very aware of the needs of the rural areas, and that in order to address social isolation, they need to look for new innovative ways to provide transport to link villages and to enable access to towns for shopping, health appointments, hospital visits etc. A recent bid to the DfT was not successful, but Matt Powell confirmed that TWC is committed to addressing the problem, either in partnership or with a private sector provider.

Members were advised to peruse the full report in the Rural Forum Minutes.

The Transport Review will include consultation with PTCs, as we are stakeholders and they were able to assure us that they will work to address the issue.

The TWC small red buses (Wrekin Rider) are available, as a limited service for passengers that require additional support during this difficult time. On 4th January, TWC took the decision to suspend all registered route services to minimize the spread of the virus amongst passengers and the team. The Newport service will pick up any passengers from the previous registered route pick up points or accessible villages and provide transport into Newport for essential journeys only. All transport must be booked in advance, by contacting the booking line on 01952 388000 which is open from 10am until noon and bookings can be made up to 1 week in advance. The time and date, where possible, will be to suit the individual and transport is available Monday to Friday between 9.30am and 2.30pm. All passengers must wear a face covering for the entire journey. For more information, contact Fleet Services on 01952 384828.

H2021/089 Shrewsbury Road Car Park

Work to repair and resurface the Shrewsbury Road Car Park is scheduled to start, weather permitting on 15th February 2021. The Parish Council has been liaising with TWC for many years for this work and thanks are extended to the Ward Members for their support in having this identified as a priority this year. In order to support this project, Councillor Bentley has provided £1000 from the Councillors Pride Fund and the Parish Council will be invoiced for £1000. The Bowling Club has also supported the project and a dropped kerb will be provided for the path to the Green.

H2021/090 Street Lighting

We are awaiting a response from Eon regarding the upgrade of the final four street lights.

Western Power have been replacing poles in Robin Lane / High Street, the question was asked as to whether the BT lines would be transferred to the new poles or will there be a need to retain new and old poles?

H2021/091 Road Safety

Safe Pedestrian Routes

HAU had raised this in its response to the Local Plan consultation and the Parish Council has asked TWC for its opinion on a path on the B5062 over Cheney Hill. This will appear on a future agenda for further consideration depending on their response. At a time when public transport is limited, it is important that safe routes are established and maintained. Walking (and cycling) also contributes to the health and well-being agenda. There may also be a need to consider additional signage and appropriate lighting.

Cllr C Rogers declared an interest

Playdale / Mentone Crescent

As a resident in Playdale, Cllr Rogers requested a suitable sign be erected to identify Playdale and Mentone Crescent as the postman and delivery drivers often deliver to the incorrect house. The Clerk will ask TWC for guidance. A photo of a suitable location will be provided.

H2021/092 Any Other Matters

None

H2021/093 Next Meeting

A communication from NALC suggested that face to face meetings may be possible from May 2021. Members of the Highways Committee agreed that, at this time, they would prefer Committee meetings to remain virtual.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.41pm

SignedDate