

# THE SHELSLEYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

15.09.20

## COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

### 1. Flooding

As a result of the promise of a large grant from central government, a number of people met on the 4<sup>th</sup> September to discuss the needs of a flood barrier with EA in Tenbury. A photograph of the assembled company was published in the Tenbury Advertiser last week.

It became clear that the EA has not done any detailed design work on the tricky areas of the barrier, for instance crossing Teme Street by the bridge. The EA will be working on these designs in the near future and there will be a consultation period for people to express their views.

All those involved need to seek to ensure the EA keeps to a tight timetable as the money may not be forthcoming if the work is not completed quickly.

### 2. County Matters

Schools returned last week, and we have to hope that all the dire predictions of problems prove unduly pessimistic. The news media are concerned to tell us the figures for positive test results, but rarely put that in context of the numbers of tests carried out. They also more or less ignore the very small number of people needing to go to hospital and the even smaller number of people succumbing to the disease.

From the latter two figures, one would draw some hope that the whole pandemic is under control or coming to a close. That said, the Government has decided on further restrictions on meetings from yesterday, with a limit of just 6 people being together in one household, and we have to hope these will not be in place for very long.

### 3. Local Matters

I am told that the provision of broadband to the Shelsleys is moving forward. The hill climb seems to have benefited from Fibre to the Premises recently, which can permit very high download speeds, and our officers tell me that a similar service is being rolled out across the parish. No doubt, those who do not yet have this facility will be keen to see that it is provided as soon as possible.

Despite the stringent conditions applied to social gatherings, meetings in a workplace are acceptable and I have just completed the second of three full days of discussions at the County Council between the Cabinet and the senior leadership team, planning the future of the council. That is acceptable, as long as we remain 2 metres apart...

A number of important matters have been discussed, many looking at the impact of the coronavirus pandemic as well as the financial state of the council. While a lot of matters are still to be decided, we are preparing contingency plans to seek to ensure that we stay within budget while providing the sort of services our residents expect.

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