

LINDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

10.09.14

COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

1. Broadband

Last month marked the end of the first year of the BT contract for Superfast Broadband. Next Wednesday, the 17th, my Scrutiny Panel will be examining how well it has gone so far, with some senior people from BT and BT Openreach.

We will be seeking more news on the roll out of the 6 phases that are not yet announced and looking to find out which areas might be covered by the extension from 0% to 5% that has now been financed by BDUK. Villages near here still have no news of when they might be able to go beyond the minimum of 2Mbps.

I also intend to ask about BT's preventative maintenance policy that appears not to exist. Anyone with relevant experience may like to get in touch to let me know more about what questions to ask.

2 Public Realm

Harriett Baldwin has approached the new CEO of Tesco's with a view to a meeting about the schedule for the building of their supermarket in Tenbury. Although he does not start till October, she is planning to meet the relevant people who are re-organising the schedules ahead of his starting. This should mean more definite news in the near future.

Meanwhile the County is planning to start phase one of the Public Realm project in mid-January, dealing with the stretch from the Market to Crow Corner.

3 Amenity Site Removal

The household recycling site will move to the Bromyard Road Business Park once the necessary planning consent has been granted. The application will be considered in November. I have received objections from a resident in Mill Meadows, concerned about increased traffic and noise but I do not think this will derail the project.

If planning is granted, the work should be done in the New Year, with a switch in the Spring.

4 Parking and Palmer's Meadow

Plans are well ahead for the conversion of a small corner of Palmer's Meadow to an overflow car park that will be invaluable when Tesco's is being built. This will be a fenced off grassed area that will be able to take about 70 cars. Access will be through the existing car park and a gate behind the existing amenity site.

5 Bus Subsidies

The new timetable came into effect on the 1st of the month. It should not affect Lindridge particularly, although the timings of the 21 service have been altered. Tenbury Transport trust is keen to see all its services used, to ensure their continuation for the foreseeable future. They are also anxious to receive the £95,000 S106 money promised by Tesco's as part of their planning permission.

6 Tenbury High School Conversion to an Academy

As of the 1st September, Tenbury High School became the Tenbury High Ormiston Academy and I am sure all will wish it success in the future and a rapid removal from Special Measures. The GCSE results looked good in parts with concern over the English results that was echoed in other parts of the county and country.

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