

Clerk's Report for February 2021 Virtual meeting.

Dealt with requests for CCTV with some Police requests and three Insurance claims. Chasing payments for footage that are still outstanding. A few camera issues with radio signals reported and sorted out straight away. Received Cllr Kirkby's resignation and sorted vacancy to Co Opt.

Took down Christmas lights from Lime trees to allow for Pleaching 15th February while adhering to guidelines. Thank you to Cllr French and son Matt for attending to both trees. Organised rest of Xmas lights takedown working only in pairs and observing the rules.

Attended Training of Unconscious Bias, also attended Census information meeting. Arranged guest speaker for March meeting to talk about the Census. Booked training on the upcoming elections for Clerks.

Attended Food Bank network meeting with Cllr Brown over Zoom. Food bank getting busier but following Guidelines using only Cllr Brown, Patrick Buck and myself. Ordered another pallet of food from DEFRA and donations still coming in. Collected food from Kidderminster that we are short of.

Continue to work with CoCo volunteers in looking after vulnerable people with requests for help due to Covid. Found that there are people out there struggling and just need guidance sometimes.

Following up on options for a review of the Town infrastructure issues and following up the request of the Neighbourhood plan group to the council. This should give us options for a report to be gained taking in all our issues in the Town. Sent email to Shropshire council for advice on who to contact for a review. **Agenda Item**

Arranged and hosted Neighbourhood plan meeting in January.

Chased up the new sign for Rockley Bank and Grit bin. Sign is in and they are getting it fitted. Grit bin I had to send photo of area needed for them to investigate first. Updated on Social media.

Arranged a meeting with Sam Shaw after an enquiry to host a mobile eye screening van for people with diabetes. Notified Medical centre and it is in addition to what is done there.

Answering lots of questions about vaccination with answers gained from the Medical centre on email and messenger. Keeping up with issues on social media with Cllr Brown to answer questions and correct any misinformation.

Contacted by a resident wishing to set up a litter picking group and wanted to know what support the council would give bags, litter pickers etc. Put in touch with Cllr James to take forward. **Agenda item.**

Set up an account with Bromford to get payment for CCTV disc needed of an accident.

Set up Business internet access for the Land registry but need a variable direct debit signed before we are a registered business user. **Agenda item**

Chase Invoice from Western Power for work done in New road.

Chased pedestrian bridge promised after public enquiry by the Glen Caravan park. Shropshire council busy dealing with flooding issues at present so need to be mindful of their pressure of work.

Passed on information and helped in a few vulnerable people cases, helping as well to sort out issues of worry.

Confirmed with my contact in Shropshire council that the streetlight at the bridge is in hand to have the hole dealt with as discussed at the last meeting by Cllr James.

Notified planning of councils' decisions at the January meeting. Gained information from planning officers on planning to be discussed at February meeting and relayed to councillors.

Put together Clarion report for February and sent out for councillors to change if needed.

As per government guidelines I continue to work at home and only go to the office if is really necessary.

Due to trees being cut down just outside conservation area and concerns from residents, I updated the Chair of the council and working with Mr Smith our tree warden, we looked into raising concerns with council of the possibility of extending the area to protect our greenery and wildlife. **Agenda item.**

Will be putting together a report of the streetlights left to be changed to LED for the Finance committee and have agreed a way of Mark at Prysmian that they will be keeping a register of our streetlights up to date and will be reviewed quarterly.

Received a letter from Phillip Dunne MP as a reply to concerns raised from our residents of mobile home parks of the treatment during Covid. This was taken to Government and the response of advice was passed on to councillors and residents. Will be having a follow up meeting with Phillip Dunne MP at some time in the future.

Even though working at home I still get regular meetings with the Police and will be having a day in the Town, when permitted, to talk to residents and mark bicycles and advice on rural crime prevention.

Had to cancel meeting with Dean Harris High Sheriff of Shropshire until safe to meet.

Keeping in touch with Graham Oliver at the Police and Crime Commissioners office. Looking at some funding options that may be available.

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