

Bredon and Bredon's Norton Parish Council

April 2022, Issue 93

Footpaths - Adrian Hardman

Our district councillor sent us some information regarding footways:-

I thought it might be helpful if I wrote a short piece on the work of the County Council is trying to do on footways. The County Council tries to be a fairly logical organisation and over the past 8 years we have seen a fair amount of work done in the parish on renewing our footways. Some years ago we changed the criteria on which we allocated the cash to do repair works from a single indicator which was usage; to a series of indicators which still give considerable weighting to usage but also take into account condition, local facilities, and concentrations of either young population or old, since they are more likely to have trips and falls, and any third party contributions.

This had a very positive effect since it meant for the first time in years the parish started to see increasing amounts of work in renewing its footways as opposed to the spend being concentrated in the City or the towns. The biggest problem of course is cash, since to renew a footway costs about £40 a square metre and to give you an example; the latest work in Queensmead was just under £17,000.

We have renewed footways by village hall and surgery; then the shop and church and school, church street, then tidied up Dock lane, Blenheim drive, Kinsham, and Queensmead in three stages as funds allowed. I have been receiving quite a lot of lobbying to do up the path from Bredon to Westmancote and the path from Bredon to Kinsham. These are called village interconnects by highways and have a tendency to score not very well compared to a footway inside a 30mph. Remember there is not enough cash to get everything, so I would be grateful of any thoughts or feedback as to where next I try to get funded?

Email ahardman@worcestershire.gov.uk or ring me on 01684 773172

Our Community working together

Over recent weeks, a group of teenagers have been misbehaving in the village and West Mercia police have received complaints from several Parishioners and Village Hall users. Some of these teenagers have been identified, spoken too and discussions have been had with their parents to pass on their concerns.

Some of these incidents have already been reported to the Police and it is their intention to also speak to the relevant children and their parents if these activities do not stop. What we are afraid of is that these incidents of anti-social behaviour, although relatively minor at this stage, could escalate to things of far more significance. The Police plan to increase their presence to help as a deterrent.

However, if you hear or seen anything that may be suspicious, or are concerned about Police related issues in our area. There are some simple but effective things you can do to help protect yourself as well as your local community :-

- We are encouraging our local community to call the Police on 101 if they see anyone acting suspiciously in our area.
- If you have any concerns or information about any other suspicious circumstances / suspected crime, please let the Police know using the online 'Tell Us About' form on their website www.westmercia.police.uk
- If you aren't comfortable contacting the Police directly, you can pass on information anonymously to the independent charity, Crimestoppers, by calling 0800 555 111 or by visiting their website: www.crimestoppers-uk.org
- You can also contact the Parish Clerk or any Bredon Parish Councillor for non-urgent issues.
- If you ever feel at risk, or a crime is in progress, please always dial 999.

We want to maintain the quality of life we have in our Parish, so it is only by the Police and the public working together that we can prevent and detect crime and anti-social behaviour.



Planning Applications

The Parish Council's role is only advisory. For more details, please refer to www.wychavon.gov.uk.

For consideration by Wychavon:

W/22/00400 - East Barn, Farm Lane, Westmancote. **The Parish Council has no objection, subject to any suggested amendments by the Conservation Officer.**

W/22/00487 & W/22/00488 - True Blue Farm, Lower Lane, Kinsham. **The Parish Council has no objection. The Conservation Officer has already commented.**

W/22/00369 & W/22/00370 - Fox & Hounds Inn, Church Street, Bredon. **The Parish Council has no objection in principle and recognises the importance of supporting a key local business. It has some concerns about the potential for noise and light pollution on nearby residents, the impact on the historic character of the Conservation Area and on the setting of nearby listed buildings. It suggests that Wychavon seeks input from both the Environmental Health Officer and the Conservation Officer to propose possible mitigations and improvements.**

Date of Next Meeting: Monthly Parish Council

Monday 11th April

takes place in Bredon
Village Hall at 7pm