

Much Birch Parish council

Ward member report, October 2015

Road safety

On 21.09.15 I invited the Cabinet member for roads & transport issues, Paul Rone, to the ward. We walked from the middle of Tump Lane to the school and then up to the section of national speed limit road. Paul was able to see the various transport issues for himself especially the parking issues outside the school (it was 'going home time').

We agreed that the issues should probably be split into two schemes – firstly Tump Lane and secondly King's Thorn, please see Paul's comments in italic:

Tump Lane - If the parish council would like to put forward their request for a solution which could include a speed limit and engineered vehicle width limitations, I will support the application going forward.

King's Thorn - The length of road from Kingsthorpe to the A49 junction adjacent Much Birch School should be considered as a whole, with a constant speed limit, a review of the double yellow lines and even look for an opportunity to have off road parking for the School.

I will, as discussed, liaise with Graham Hornsby who deals with the TROs at BBLP regarding the lines outside of Mr Paddens house Fairview and try and remedy what is seen by everyone as a mistake.

Actions – Paul Rone suggested that the clerk and Chair speak with Dave Atkinson on the best way to move these projects on as swiftly as possible. The PC will also need to request a solution to the Tump Lane issue (HCC would then send out a surveyor to propose a scheme.)

Public meeting

We looked at some dates for a public meeting on the future spending needs survey but were unable to find a date before the deadline. The Parish council have advertised the survey as best they can.

Planning

The full council is meeting on 16.10.15 to discuss and vote on the core strategy. The likelihood is that this will be adopted which makes it even more important for parishes to have a neighbourhood plan. It may be worth considering joining forces with another parish such as Little Birch. I have shared an existing final stage plan with Cllr Turner.

Business

The leader of HCC has asked me to take on a role in the business department specifically to encourage business development in the county. If anyone has any thoughts on business or economic activity in Herefordshire then I'd love to hear from you. David.harlow@herefordshire.gov.uk

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