

## Broadwas and Cotheridge Parish Council

Chairs report for meeting to be held on 10.1.24

Since our last meeting in January of 2024, councillors and the Clerk have responded to a number of communications from parishioners and regular matters such as planning applications.

I explored as agreed at the last meeting further details with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, as to the current round of grant funding. On the basis of this response I concluded that within the time scales it would not be possible to secure the commitment of the Local Authority for any application the Parish Council would wish to make. This highlighted the importance of the Parish Council being in a position to identify more specific proposals that would meet the funding criteria, and that would be likely to attract the support of the County Council Highways Department.

To this end we have sought confirmation of the appropriate officer in order to invite them to attend a meeting of the Parish Council, as well as continuing to support the efforts of our County and District Councillors to encourage the County Council and the Police to come forward with positive and proactive proposals to address the concerns we have.

On a more positive note, the County Council have recently undertaken a thorough road side cleaning and clearance operation on the A44 that runs through the parish.

The meeting will have an opportunity to hear from our new lengthsman and I have been able to speak to him, to learn more about his approach and benefit from his experience.

The Clerk's report indicates the excellent work she has been doing to move some of the key issues forwards. There remains a backlog of actions required from the Parish Council and therefore councillors will want to demonstrate in the next few months the efforts we are making to address these.

The meeting will consider various planning matters. In the case of the pending appeal judgment ( Re: M/22/01157/FUL / Planning Inspectorate Ref:- APP/J1860/W/23/3316818. - Land At (Os 7644 5529)Broadwas.) I have checked the planning portal which indicates a decision has yet to be reached.

Richard Burrows  
Chair

5.2.24