



Clerk Report

1. Public Rights of Way (PROW)

A51 / Red Lion path update. Staffordshire County Council PROW Team advised their works unit team would aim to schedule clearing the debris and repairing the kissing gate at the beginning of February, Clerk has chased on 24th February 2022 for another update as work still outstanding.

2. Tollgate Lane / Manor Lane

As per advice from Staffordshire County Council, Clerk contacted adjacent landowner to discuss issues with silted up drop kerbs due to debris accumulating. Landowner agreed to try and rectify this and use additional hardcore to prevent pooling rainwater. In addition to this he has purchased a new brush for the JCB so he is able to clear any additional mud debris that occurs on the roads as a consequence of farming processes. The Landowner would prefer to be approached directly by the community as and when they are having issues where possible and PC to bear in mind the burdens the agricultural industry are facing as well as the limitations they work under with regard to hedge cutting from March-September. Cllr Moore reported the cracking and subsidence on the pavements had progressed and there was now a sinkhole, Clerk updated previous pavement report to SCC to advise, no response has been sent, however a cover and traffic cones are in situ.

3. Tree Protection Orders (TPO's), Comberford

Lichfield District Council have begun to serve TPO's in Comberford and will be carrying out a tree survey in the village and taking steps to protect significant trees in the village. This will help the Parish Council to deliver policy WHC2 of the Wigginton, Hopwas and Comberford Neighbourhood Plan to retain existing trees and hedges where possible.

4. Sewage / Drainage issues on Main Road / Syerscote Lane, Wigginton.

In November Cllr Croft reported that a blocked gully on Syerscote Lane had been reported to Severn Trent. Clerk has received two complaints from residents in January / February regarding sewerage flooding in the area, that school children were having to walk through, and that despite several reports from residents and the School Severn Trent had failed to satisfactorily resolve this issue.

Clerk contacted Severn Trent on 3rd February to progress this matter and advised residents she would provide updates on this matter. The Clerk made a Facebook post on the Wigginton – Lichfield / Tamworth Community Group requesting any additional information / photographs that will help us progress this matter with Severn Trent. Severn Trent came to site on 4th February and have scheduled work until 5pm on 11th February to resolve this matter.

5. Tree work at Hopwas Playing Field.

On 11th February 2022 Western Power Distribution requested urgent access to Nursery Lane to carry out necessary tree work to reduce an Oak tree to clear a streetlight and service line; as a utility distributor they are exempt from the usual permission required from LDC in a Conservation Area. Access was agreed by the Clerk in conjunction with the Chairman.

6. Decisions made under delegated authority

- Dog bags were ordered for Hopwas Playing Field at a cost of £56.79 + VAT

