

Clerk's Actions for report to Parish Council November 2019

- 1) Following the November meeting I sent out the Lengthsman tender to the four parties identified as being potential suppliers of lengthsman services. Three responses have been received (notably I have received nothing from Wayne Reed). The responses have been sent to the principal councillors involved for evaluation.
- 2) I have followed up with Kevin Williams on the matters raised. He subsequently phoned me to advise the following:
 - A) The clearing of the pavements in Weston itself has been placed as a job to be done but may not be completed this year.
 - B) Road lines at Bolitree – again this has been placed as a job to be done but will not be a high priority particularly as there is a give way sign alerting traffic of the junction.
 - C) The damage to the grit bin in Whitehall Lane cannot be proved so as it is a PC bin we will have to replace it.
 - D) I sent him a picture of a damaged grit bin in Hoovers lane which he said he would look at so I will chase this up.
 - E) I asked him about clearing the dog bins at Pontshill if we provided a large single bin and he thought this would be a job for our Lengthsman not BB. I did ask Lynda Wilcox at HALC about this and it would appear to be a PC responsibility.
 - F) Winter cleansing of culverts – Kevin advised that there is a programme of culvert clearing.
- 3) I have put together a correspondence file for Martin Firman of all the parishioners who have contacted the PC about the HGV problems on the Pontshill to Bill Mills road.
- 4) A meeting took place with the owner of Penheligan House attended by myself, John Smart and Terry Prince. We looked at the culvert and advised the owner that Balfour Beatty have said that the culvert will be cleared either in December or January. The owner was happy with this and I have subsequently asked Kevin Williams if he will find out and advise us when the culvert will be cleared. BB may also ask the landowner of Hill Farm to clear the stream beyond the culvert where his horses have eroded the stream bank.
- 5) The PC laptop developed a problem and I was unable to open any Excel/Word documents. After several days it did not seem that the problem was going to rectify itself, so I called in a local computer expert who has repaired the problem, which seemed to be caused by a windows update that was not received correctly and corrupted the operating system. This has taken some time to repair but all seems ok now.
- 6) I received the Parish Paths Partnership scheme contract from BB. Having been asked to speak to HALC about this I received advice from them that, as there is no financial incentive for the Parish why would we sign a contract.
- 7) Thursday 28th November meeting with Tom Hayward and Will Wilson of ADL Traffic. Herefordshire Council have funds available for no overtaking signs where appropriate and we had been identified as a potential area on the A40, so they requested the meeting to gauge the feelings of the parish council. The data presented both of average speeds and reported accidents over a ten year period (four accidents in this area one being due to a person who's dog caused her to go into the road and a person under the influence of drink) were statistically not presenting a case for no overtaking signs. Following the discussion the ADL representatives were going to report back that this option was not favoured by the councillors present, and that a physical narrowing of the road at the start of the 30mph speed restriction at the Gloucester end would make a greater contribution to both traffic speed and as a means of preventing overtaking.

