

District Councillors' Reports to the Parish Council: 30 September 2020

Dist Cllr J Brown reported:

New Bollards in Broad O'th Lane

Two bollards had been installed in front of the shopping area in Broad O'th Lane to help prevent vehicles from mounting the pedestrian area. Wigan Council's parking enforcement team had been asked to target illegal parking in the area.

Parking in Church Lane

A number of vehicles were observed parking on the double yellow lines at 3:10pm by Dist Cllr Brown, who had reported this activity to the Police Sergeant and Wigan Council. This also regularly happened elsewhere. Negotiations with the parking enforcement team were in progress over their making regular visits to monitor parking habits in the area.

Randalls Corner

Concerns had been raised once again about the speed of traffic travelling along Miles Lane. Residents were of the view that traffic calming measures were needed along the approach road. This had been looked into in the past, but the problem had not been resolved. A resolution was vital, because children walking to Shevington Vale Community Primary School crossed the road at this point.

Public Right of Way from Broadriding Road to The Nook

The condition of the PROW had been reported on two occasions to Wigan Council, but nothing had happened. After Dist Cllr Brown had contacted Wigan Council on a third occasion the area was inspected and, as a result, steps were going to be introduced along the steep part of the footpath leading down to the bridge and the area was going to be stoned. The PROW was not a bridle path, but horses used it nevertheless and churned it up. There was no way that this activity could be stopped.

Dist Cllr M Whitham reported:

Place Based Working

The area was lucky to have Wigan Council officers Lynn Prescott and Lucy Murphy. They were shared with Standish and Aspull and had been heavily involved in co-ordinating the work of all the community support services, both voluntary and paid, during the lockdown. This had been an extension to their regular work with these services under normal circumstances. Lockdown had tested that work, but they had done a wonderful job. They were now preparing for the possibility of a new lockdown, when, once again, communication with those unable to access the internet and social media would be of paramount importance. Dist Cllr Whitham recommended that Lynn and Lucy should be invited to a future meeting of the Council to tell the Parish Council about the Place Based Working initiative. It was, however, unlikely that they would be able to add anything to the discussion about the footpath from Vicarage Lane to Crooke or improvements to the play area unless they had been briefed by other officers.

Community Wealth Building

This was a new strategy which was built on top of Place Based Working. It was launched by Wigan Council this week and involved working in liaison with large organisations like the health services and big business. The strategy covered boroughwide issues, but it was also about localities and local businesses and supporting them, which is what local voluntary groups wanted to promote. Dist Cllr Whitham agreed to forward a link information about the initiative to the Clerk for circulation to members.

Appendix A
