

## **District Councillors' Reports to the Parish Council: 11 April 2019**

Dist Cllr J Brown reported and engaged with the Parish Council and the member of the public present in relation to the following:

### **Issues at J27 of the M6**

At the request of a Parish Councillor contact had been made with both Lancashire County Council's and Wigan Council's Highways Departments, but so far attempts to contact West Lancashire Borough Council had been unsuccessful. This had been partly due to the fact that the relevant Officer would not be back from annual leave until the following week. Once contact had been established, Dist Cllr Brown would bring all the issues that had been raised with her to his attention, i.e. cars coming out of Mossy Lea Road illicitly turning right across the main road instead of turning left and going around the roundabout, lorries parking on the double yellow lines on the main road, the potholes in the vicinity of the junction with Back Lane and the reinstatement or introduction of guardrails.

Guardrails in the area had been taken away when the re-structuring work at the roundabout had been undertaken. LCC had reinstated theirs, but Wigan Council had not and refused to do so. Wigan Council's Highways Department had a new policy. It was based on new findings that the presence of guardrails actually encouraged speeding, did not prevent collisions and rendered pedestrians less safe than when there were no guardrails. A minor concession had been made in relation to the possible re-instatement of guardrails at Cripplegate.

Attempts were being made to arrange a site meeting with an Officer from Wigan Council's Highways Department to address issues in Back Lane.

### **Issues with the No.635 Bus Route**

The previously reported problems with the No.635 bus route were continuing despite a great deal of lobbying of the bus company and other agencies by the District Councillors and other entities. These were discussed by all those present at the meeting. A representative of Diamond Bus and Dist Cllr Mark Aldred (Chairman of TfGM) would both be invited to attend the Parish Council meeting in May to discuss matters of concern.

### **Unadopted Road Behind the Parade of Shops in Gathurst Lane**

Wigan Council officers had so far been reluctant to assist with this project. Support for the project would only be provided once the funds for the work on the road, which was unadopted and partly owned by the owners of the shops and partly by Wigan Council, had been raised locally.