

District Councillors' Reports to the Parish Council: 13 Dec 2018

Dist Cllr J Brown's report covered the following:

Bus Service 635

The District Councillors had been in touch with TfGM, Diamond Bus and several other relevant agencies about the issues surrounding the No.635 bus service and had received a variety of reasons as to why the buses providing the service were not turning at the time that they should. Users had reported that it was happening very regularly. The Chair of TfGM had been amongst those contacted and had expressed the view that things would only improve if the responsibility for providing bus services was returned to the LA. Meanwhile, Diamond Bus had announced that they would be issuing a revised time-table for the 635 service early in the New Year. In future the buses would run every 15 minutes instead of 12. In their view this should resolve many of the issues.

Launs Wood

The footpath and bridge were in a very poor state of repair at the moment – so poor that they were dangerous. The residents of Crooke Village wished them to be closed because they were so dangerous.

Christmas Trees Over the Shops

The District Councillors had still not established what had happened in relation to the lack of provision of small Christmas trees for the sconces over the shops. (The Clerk reported at this point that she had spoken to the Street Lighting Officer for the area on several occasions about this and had found the scenario to be complex.) The matter would be looked into further (in conjunction with the Clerk) in the New Year.

Barrier Near the Hospice Shop

The matter of the barrier near the Hospice Shop that had come down was being investigated.

Meeting with the Police

Dist Cllrs Brown and Whittham had recently met with PS N Forshaw at Standish to discuss the lack of Police visibility in Shevington at the moment. He had informed them that the Police in this area were very short-staffed at present. One of the PCSOs had been accepted for training as a Police Officer and another was on sick leave.

PS Forshaw had assured them, however, that the Police did visit the hot-spots in the area in the evenings. They were often accompanied by Community Youth Workers whose job was to engage with young people, but normally they did not encounter anything untoward. The Police were proposing to invite the leaders of the FSMP to a meeting to discuss matters relating to anti-social behaviour.

Another piece of good news was that there had only been three burglaries since September in this area.