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Dear Yvonne,

Chaddesley Parish Council Meeting – 4th January, 2021

Firstly, we hope everyone had a good Christmas and Happy New Year! Let's hope it is better than last year!

Please find our report enclosed as follows:-

Local Issues

We have been dealing with the usual routine casework, reporting litter and fly tipping on the main A roads and along the country lanes.

Regarding the enforcement issues these are as the December 2020 report: -

The Adam Hewitt site – no update on the appeal date.

Grove Bungalow site – chasing update from the enforcement officer.

The Smiths stable (bungalow site) – chasing update from the enforcement officer.

Due to the snow and ice on 28th December, WFDC is running behind with its refuse collections but is catching up.

Wyre Forest Issues

In respect of the WFDC's draft Local Plan, the Public Hearings by the Planning Inspector will begin being held from Monday 11th January on selected days into early February 2021. Information can be found on the Wyre Forest District Council website.

We hope you responded to the Government's Planning White Paper consultation, we believe this paper is ill-conceived and feel that actually it will be amended and we understand many MP's have concerns and feel that this is at least a consultation and that there is a lot of water to go under the bridge before it receives Royal Assent! Please have your say and feel free to give your views on this to our MP Mark Garnier. WFDC's overview and scrutiny panel have also looked at this matter.

The Progressive Alliance who presently run the Administration of the District Council are to hold a Public Consultation on their intention to make the activity that the District Council undertakes smaller, inevitably entailing redundancies and the transferring of services to Town and Parish Councils. This consultation is currently running. We are very concerned at the scale of some of the reductions.

The Progressive Alliance want to make home working the norm post Covid and we have some concerns regarding this. This matter was looked at by the cross party overview and scrutiny panel recently and overwhelmingly voted for the Cabinet to look again at this matter and recommend to Council that this process is paused and looked at further in April 2021 when hopefully we will have a clearer picture on Covid.

The Progressive Alliance want to look at a commissioning a business case to look at options to sell all or part of Wyre Forest House!

Wyre Forest House is still closed to the public as is the Green Street Hub save for dealing with housing and homelessness applications.

The Progressive Alliance are proposing scrapping the Localism fund and Community Leadership fund, the later allocating all district councillors £1,000 to spend in their ward on community groups.

WFDC has been successful in securing £20.5 million from the Future High Streets fund something we are delighted about as this will transform and regenerate Worcester Street in Kidderminster town centre and was a bid that Marcus signed off in 2018 when he was Leader of the Council.

If you have any issues you would like us to deal with, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With our very best wishes.

Yours sincerely,



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