

## **Report by County Councillor Neil Bannister**

17<sup>th</sup> November 2022

1. I have raised the issue of the faded road markings at the crossing on Orchard Road, outside of Arkwright House. These worn-out markings have been inspected and I have received confirmation they are to be relined.
2. I attended the official launch of the Fox Connect bus service on the 27 October. This is a bus service designed to help rural communities in southwest Leicestershire where a resident can download an app and request a bus to come to the village to pick them up and return. The service will enable residents to get to the Enderby Park and Ride, Fosse Park, Narborough train station, Magna Park, and Hinckley (but not, at the moment, the town of Lutterworth). If anyone is interested, please look at the Fox Connect website for more details including the operating times. I understand the fares are reasonable - £3.50 per trip.
3. The village centre - I can confirm that both the one way and 20mph Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) have been approved. Officers are now working on the sign design for the scheme and once approved the job will be raised for the installation of the signs. I have both emailed and called asking for a timescale for when the signs will be installed. When I have this information, I will share it with the Parish.
4. I have asked for a face-to-face meeting with the local Highways Team that look after matters within the Division. I am currently awaiting details of a date and place for this to take place. I would also like to involve the District Councillors and Parish Council in the meeting, so if you are interested in joining me please email me on [Neil.Bannister@leics.gov.uk](mailto:Neil.Bannister@leics.gov.uk) so I can have an idea on number for the meeting. This could be a very good opportunity to speak about the Broughton Chase development, the delay in promised highway repairs and other issues of importance to us.
5. The County Council using grant assistance from the Government have been able to lend help to those struggling in the Cost-of-Living challenge we are facing. A £14.8m support package is supporting free school meal vouchers, an extra £100 payment for pensioners and money to help those installing heat pumps and other equipment to try and bring down household bills.

## **Report by District Councillors Dann and Golding**

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At Cabinet on Monday, we received a report on AIR QUALITY across the District. There were no areas of concern. Broughton Astley currently has two monitors, both on Dunton Road. There has been overtime much increased traffic on Main Street, probably due to some motorists using it as a rat run. I am sure that there is not a problem on Main Street, however I have asked that in the short term one monitor be transferred.

Sorry I could not make the funding meeting on Monday; I believe it went well Colin may well be able to give an update.

With reference to the 34 properties being muted of the by-pass, I can tell you that this application is likely to go to planning committee in January. All the information to date points to its refusal.

A reminder that the nine self builds at the bottom of Sutton Lane are the subject of appeal that appeal will be heard later this Month. The local MP is adding his weight to its refusal.

Remembrance Sunday went well with a large turnout. I thought the planter of Poppies outside the Coop worked well. There was some confusion concerning the route of the march, but I am sure that can be easily addressed.

I would like to express thanks to Colin Golding for the years of services to Broughton Astley Gardeners Association and to Anita Percy for her work, particularly with the grants.

### **Report by District Councillor Graves (read in his absence)**

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1. I continue to receive complaints about the Lagan Homes development next to Hallbrook School. I know that multiple residents are still raising numerous complaints and I sincerely hope Lagan Homes can resolve this endless saga of new complaints as quickly as possible.
2. I am very disappointed that Broughton Astley will be overlooked in receiving any significant portion of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund £2.1m which has been provisionally allocated to Harborough District from central Government. As we have more than 10% of the residents of the district, we ought to receive up to £210,000 of the 'levelling up' funding. However, we appear to be allocated approx. £25,000 only. Market Harborough and Lutterworth appear to be sharing £900,000 between them which could lead to Lutterworth receiving 20 times more than our own village community. I encourage the Conservative District Councillors to fight for a larger share of the funding which is meant to pay for 'levelling up' projects. The Lutterworth funding appears to be paying for significant renovation works in the town centre and the creation of a new attractive town square, better road space connections and more attractive paved pathways with trees, planters and fencing.