

Ledbury Town Council meeting Thursday 30th July 2020

CLLr Phillip Howells - Ledbury West Ward Councillor's report

Only one formal HC meeting has taken place during the months of lock down and that was on Friday 17th June which I could not attend since it was possible that day I would have been called as a witness during the Bloor appeal

Most work in the past few months has been pandemic related or case work activity. Since the last Ledbury Town Council meeting on 25th June nothing much has changed in the work pattern. So it has been more:

- Passing on HC COVID-19-related update advice to local people, organisations and businesses seeking the latest information and where to find it when asked
- Participating in a number of online sessions such as a 'rethinking governance' workshop, the latest Balfour Beatty quarterly update, (this time on asset management and how much money we are short of to do all the work needed - as ever)
- I also took part in a Fastershire broadband progress update which I have managed to arrange with the clerk to be presented to us before this meeting started
- Keeping in touch with planning applications that affect Ledbury West /Ledbury as a whole as advised by planning officers – such as the Leadon Vale proposal application
- Handling a fair few casework queries, such as sorting out the loss of lifebelts on the Riverside Park, with one being used as a swing on a tree over the river, a resident worried about other residents chopping down trees and other queries that needed passing on the HC officers or portfolio holders.
- As a member of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee, liaising on issues and attending online practice sessions before the first full committee meeting was held online. There have been two of these in the last 6 weeks, the latest of which just 2 days before this meeting. There are a number of pressing children's services issues especially brought about by the pandemic crisis.