

AYMESTREY PARISH COUNCIL WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT SEPT 2021

Unfortunately I shall be unable to attend the September meeting as I am away on holiday for 1 week.

I have, this month sent the clerk and chair a copy of the Leader of the Council's report which I hope they will circulate and councillors will find interesting. There will be some items which are more so than others and I won't send it if you think it is of no use but it will ensure that everything that is happening from a Herefordshire Council point of view is relayed to you. I will then concentrate my report on issues relating to the parish which should reduce the size of my report and potentially shorten the meeting. I am obviously happy to answer questions on both reports

The Council held its budget consultation for parish and town councillors recently, unfortunately nobody from Mortimer ward was able to attend. At that meeting it was stated that the administration were considering borrowing a significant sum of money to resurface roads. We will get more information about this after the proposed budget has been considered by Scrutiny committees at the Council. There was also some discussion on re-instating the lengthsman scheme with a contribution from Herefordshire Council. Like the previous scheme the money from HC would be based on number of miles of road in each parish. I have no information about how much money might be available as yet. I am also led to believe that some of the lengthsman work may need to include drainage tasks and that there could be extra money available for those parishes where local groups are carrying out work which should be the responsibility of Balfour Beaty, Again I hope to have more detail by the next meeting.

The prior approval in Yatton has been refused and a planning application is awaited.

David Wilkinson Planning Enforcement Officer has visited Smokey Quarry and advised that a planning application must be received within 4 weeks. At that time David will have the opportunity to look round the site which was not possible on his most recent visit.