

## February 2022

I have attended a number of meetings on behalf of Waters Upton Parish Council this month.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> February I attended the training session via zoom on Permitted Development Rights run by TWC planners Andrew Gittins and Tom Carruthers.

On 4<sup>th</sup> February I met, together with the clerk, Andrew Careless to discuss the route of the Right of Way which traverses Phase Two of Days New Homes Stackyard Development and the link with bridleway leading to Catsbritch Lane.

On the same day 4th February I chaired a meeting held in the Village Hall to discuss the development of the Community Facility at Parish Room Croft. I confirmed that planning permission was granted for four houses, with a community asset to include a village green, play area and additional parking for the village hall. I then confirmed the negotiations with the Trustees to allow an entrance gate off the Village Hall car park to gain access to car park on Parish Room Croft for those who had pre-booked this facility and that the exit route would be via the Paddocks gate. In addition confirmation was given that there would be a separate pedestrian /disabled access nearer the Village Hall leading directly on to the tar macadam ramp thus providing safety separation. At the same meeting it was established that a mature mixed hedge would be planted to complete the rear boundary. An order for these gates has been placed with a view to installation in coming weeks to allow maintenance and further preparation work in readiness for the Village Fete planned for 5<sup>th</sup> June.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> February I met the contractors, together with the clerk and the chairman of Ercall Magna Parish Council and a new highway engineer from TWC, to discuss the problems experienced with the VAS signage at Cold Hatton. As a result of our meeting the zones for vehicles emerging were adjusted and the default position on the VAS changed from Vehicle Emerging to Slow Down in the event of disturbance to the radio signals. This effectively means that all times speed would be monitored and the VAS would display Slow Down whereas previously in these conditions the signs were displaying Vehicles Emerging when no vehicles were present which was considered to be a potentially dangerous situation.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> February I met, with the Clerk, Alan Day of Days New Homes to discuss the remaining issues to be addressed before completion of the Phase One handover of the car park area for use by St. Michael's Church and the adoption of maintenance area which would be PC responsibility.

Also on the 15<sup>th</sup> February I met, together with the Clerk and Ann Williams the editor of the Parish Newsletter to discuss current difficulties in producing and distributing the Newsletter. While a number of scenarios were discussed together with new alternatives and advert costings no firm conclusions were made at this point. As a grant had been obtained for production up to the December 2022, issue it was decided to revisit the situation in September to firm up future proposals.

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Chairman

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