

Councillor Dave Jackson October report

DEVELOPMENT ABOVE HOLLIERS

I wrote to the planning officer, Joan Desmond, after the last SBPC meeting. She replied that an extension has been granted until 17th November, and that the application will be reported to the Committee "in early November". I think that should say early December. I will check.

I forwarded her message to both Roger Tyers and Jane McCrobie.

MEETING WITH CHRIS GRAIN, OCC HIGHWAYS OFFICER.

On September 22nd, Roger Tyers and I met Chris at our house. He explained the changes to the role of highways officers due to come into force on November 1st. In a nutshell there will not be a designated officer for our area, but there will be officers allocated to various tasks, including liaising with folk like the parish councils. Chris hopes he may be given such a role, hopefully covering our area.

SUPERUSERS

I asked Chris Grain if it would be possible for me to be trained as a Superuser, so I am allowed to mark and report potholes. I thought this would be a sensible thing to do, as I periodically do a "tour" of the Bartons Ward and logged a whole batch on Fix My Street for the highways officer to mark up.

A chap called Nigel Clark from OCC highways has been in touch and I am booked to do the training this coming Wednesday (October 11th).

SPEEDWATCH

I sent all the trained Speedwatch volunteers a lengthy email after the last SBPC meeting outlining the progress with the portable flashing signs we are getting and asking their views on the future of Speedwatch. The response has been slightly disappointing in terms of replies, but of those I have heard from, they all seem to want to carry on as we are, so my intention is to try to keep doing at least one a week.

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