Dave Jackson – February report

At the full WODC meeting on January 20th, a motion was put forward to support in principle the OCC decision to promote 20 mph speed limits.  Not surprisingly it was passed unanimously and included this provision on planning applications for new residential areas.  The motion was amended slightly to stress the need for 20 mph on some existing streets, such has been adopted in Charlbury.

Like many residents I received a standard letter from Gigaclear asking if I was interested in the new proposed cabling to be installed in the village.  I replied expressing an interest but admitted that I did not really understand how the scheme works if you wish to be connected. I suggested that there might be other res idents equally ignorant as me and mentioned that it might be useful for some simple questions to be featured in the DFP.  A chap called Dominic Hones (Community Engagement Manager) rang me and we had a good natter.  I have written to the DFP to see if they like my suggestion but have not heard back yet.  I would be interested to get some feedback from the SBPC at the meeting.

The government have announced that the local elections are to go ahead on May 6th.  In the Bartons this will be for the County Councillor and the Police and Crime Commissioner.  The WODC secretary, Keith Butler, has been relieved of some commitments to focus on this logistic task, particularly organizing a safe count.  I have written to Keith to ask what is the easiest way for residents to register for a postal vote, which Jenny and I are going to do.  I want to publicise this for residents, as I believe we need to facilitate our democracy in times when some folk may be reticent to vote in person.  Unfortunately, I am too late to do this in the March DFP.