

## Clerk Report

### 1. Public Rights of Way (PROW)

A51 / Red Lion path update. Brewery & House Insurance companies have now repaired the boundary walls, some crash debris remaining from the car and telegraph pole. Contacted Staffordshire County Council PROW Team to advise that the walls have now been fixed and asked that they now clear the remaining debris from the path and repair the kissing gate.

### 2. Comberford Road (Highways / School Transport)

Staffordshire County Council (SCC) have advised they are unlikely to fund a footway on this stretch of road as it is not economically viable and would not meet the requirements for strategic infrastructure funding.

Parish Community Infrastructure Levy funds approximately £3k which is far below the amount required for a project of this scale.

Resident provided with further information on SCC's [School transport policy - Staffordshire County Council](#), including information on classification of an [Unavailable route - Staffordshire County Council](#) and a route checker [School Search - Staffordshire County Council](#) which shows the shortest acceptable walking route to the school and whether a child would be eligible for school transport.

**Distance:** 1.894 miles    **Catchment:** ✓    **Nearest:** ✓

✗ You are not entitled to free travel assistance under the general county council policy.  
For information about eligibility under other criteria please view the [policy](#) information.



■ = Catchment area for this school    — = Route calculated

### 3. Tollgate Lane / Manor Lane, Comberford

Various issues reported to Staffordshire County Council Highway's:

**4264273** - Pavement has lots of cracks and there is evidence of subsidence at the edge of the path along the trees / hedgerows creating difficulties for wheelchair users as it is uneven and unstable. In addition to this the drop kerbs are inaccessible for wheelchair users owing to where rainwater and debris collects. There is also litter bin at the top of Tollgate Lane adj to Comberford Road also causes an obstruction for wheelchair users.

No response received to date.

**4264274** - Bin placed on pavement causing an obstruction to wheelchair users.

No response received to date

**4264276** - Drop kerb insufficient length and debris makes it impassable for wheelchair users. Road surfacing is loose and surface flooding accumulates by drop kerbs further increasing levels of debris over time. The Parish Council paid a contractor to remove weeds from the kerbside and sweep debris at the end of the season but the problem with drop kerbs is continuous.

Response received to report **4264276** on 07.01.22 regarding drop kerb access and pooling water behind the triangle. Highways have advised the issues with the drop kerb and surfacing is due to farm machinery frequently using the access gate nearby. Although they can take enforcement action, they have advised the Parish Council to contact the Farm owner directly in the first instance to explain the issue and ask them to resolve this. If this route is unsuccessful, we can report back to highways who will then write to the landowner.

### 4. Decisions made under delegated authority

- With the verbal / email agreement of the majority of Councillors, it was approved that the Clerk should no longer action minute 21/062 (a) and instead accept a local contractors offer to remove and donate goalposts to a local nearby football club, free of charge. The contractor had advised he would also make the ground safe after the posts are removed.
- In conjunction with the Chair it was agreed for the Clerk to move from Microsoft 365 home to business in order to ensure that the Council do not break any of the licensing terms. The home licence expired on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and the business licence has a trial period running until 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022. The cost of the business standard licence is £9.40 per month. The draft budget for 2022/23 contains provision for Councillors to have a business basic license £3.80 per user / per month which would ensure the Council can meet its obligations under GDPR.