

" County Councillor Annual Report

This report summarises the activities of the following member of the County Council during

Name of Councillor Hilary Fryer

1) Electoral Division activities

Main Activities and the impact during the past year:

Parking – in residential roads and also on verges and main roads

State of Footpaths

Pot Holes

Flooding

New development sites not conforming to conditions in planning consent particularly in relation to hedging, trees and shrubs

Closure of roads for long lengths of time – such as Bond Lane.

Maintenance of verges and roundabouts

Traffic speed limits being exceeded

HGV traffic using roads not suitable or permissible for such vehicles

Traffic and parking outside schools

There has been a very useful meeting with officers and including parish councillors and borough councillors. Concerns were highlighted to officers before the meeting, which was held at County Council offices, and meant that it was a very productive meeting.

There has also been a meeting with the principal of Rawlins Academy, including borough councillors to see if any mitigation can be taken with regard to parking and access to and from the Academy.

I report to Parish councils by email and also attend their meetings. The Parish Councils within my division are Quorn, Barrow and Mountsorrel.

Engagement with the Council, other statutory bodies and public utility companies (Water, Gas etc) about services in the area

Work closely with Charnwood Borough Councillors in the division I represent as County Councillor.

Report to the monthly Parish Council meetings in my division monthly, either in person or by written report. The Parish Councils concerned are Barrow, Quorn and Mountsorrel I also try to attend the Annual Parish Meetings.

Together with the Borough Councillors I hold up to 5 surgeries a year in Quorn and also 5 in Barrow.

I also work with our local MP and her case workers on various concerns raised by residents.

Any matters I raise with the officers at LCC, usually initially by the dedicated email address for councillors, have been dealt with promptly and with courtesy.

Over the past months a great deal of work has been carried out by Severn Water, renewing and replacing drainage and on some occasions manhole covers. This has caused some inconvenience to residents although it is appreciated that the work is necessary. Somehow it needs to be made very easy for residents to find out where the works are taking place and for how long. Websites are not always the most convenient way. Could the use of information posters be considered for placement in Parish Council offices, libraries and notice boards?

Priorities for the immediate future are:

Slash Lane – still needs some work doing to ditches, verges to minimise the effects of flooding.

This winter we have been fortunate that the road has not been closed too often but with more traffic using the road it still needs to be kept free as much as possible.

Work also needs to be done to the 'raised footpath' on Barrow Road between bridge and entrance to Barrow Football Ground. I understand the LCC is aware and there maybe a possibility for work done in the future. This work is badly needed but involves quite a lot of engineering work and would mean road closures so this needs very careful planning.

Parking within the division will always be a problem and it is beholden on all of us to work together to mitigate as much as possible.

Work also needs to be continued with regard to HGVs ignoring weight limit signs. Look into whether more prominent and clearer signs could be considered.

Arrange another joint meeting at LCC with Highways officers and representatives from Barrow upon Soar Parish Council, and Borough councillors.

2) Council Activities

Committees you serve on at County Hall

Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny
Children and Families Overview and scrutiny
Scrutiny Commission
Children in Care Panel

Local committees/Outside Bodies

Mountsorrel Quarry Liaison Group
Quorn Townlands Committee
British Gypsum (Saint Gobain) Liaison Group

Other bodies – School governors/community and charity organisations etc

Parish Councils of Soar Valley Liaison Group

3) Learning and development:

Attend most training and briefings delivered by LCC during year. Have also been a substitute member on CFA and DCRB meetings which has increased my knowledge.

4) Other Matters:

I have been a borough councillor at Charnwood since 2003. Was a Cabinet Lead member for some years then Chair of a Scrutiny Committee (since May am now Chair of Plans Committee and a member of a Scrutiny Committee).

Chair of Outwoods Management Committee

Committee member of Leicestershire Rural Partnership

Armed Forces Champion for Charnwood

Trustee of Rural Communities Council

With the Borough Councillors for Quorn I contribute to a quarterly magazine. Also usually do at least 2 leaflets a year in Barrow.

Attend as many functions within the division as possible.

Signed by Councillor *Hilary Fryer*

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