

CABINET

5th June 2024

Members' Questions

Councillor Peter Broomhall

I would like to know, how long after the highways technician has applied the white paint around the potholes, do they wait before they repair the hole?

Along New Street, in Wem, the potholes had white paint around them but after several weeks it has worn off and no repairs completed. From the Doctors surgery up to Bazeley Way is so dangerous (especially for cyclists) because of the uneven road.

In fact, the High Street and Aston Street are terribly uneven still, after repairs were carried out.

Councillor Rob Wilson

I am concerned by the inaccessibility of many footways in the county due to overgrown hedging and vegetation which in places makes more than half of the footway unusable. Often this is due to private hedging and vegetation. Though most householders maintain their boundaries correctly, the council has the power to request and then enforce action on the minority who do not.

Since 2009 when Shropshire Council was established, please can you provide annual data for:

- How many letters have been issued to householders requesting that they cut back hedging and vegetation which is overhanging the footways?
- How many of these cases resulted in the council cutting back said hedging and vegetation, and issuing a payment demand to the householder?
- How many of these cases resulted in the council having to take further action to recoup its costs?

Councillor Bernie Bentick

On the 29th February 2024, I hand delivered and emailed a letter to Tim Collard and The Democratic Services, from the Shropshire Councillors representing Belle Vue, Meole, Radbrook and Porthill, requesting explanations for the incoherent and sub-standard plans for Phase 1 of the Meole Active Travel Quarter, which did not conform to LTN 1/20 guidance, and an urgent meeting to discuss the issues, in view of the declared short timescale for submission to Government.

Two months later, no response has been received and no meeting arranged.

Would the portfolio holder:

1. please provide a response to the letter?
2. arrange an urgent meeting as requested?
3. explain why local Members weren't closely involved in drawing up the plans, having contributed considerably to the original bid for Government funding?
4. explain the reason for the delay in response?
5. explain exactly and in detail what, if anything, has been sent to Government and if nothing, precisely what will be sent and when?