

At the recent local elections, the following were elected as Foxley Group Parish Councillors: Brinsop & Wormsley – Andrew Davies; Mansel Lacy – Andrew Apps and Dave Gwynne; Yazor – Sue Hallett and Alan Powell. There remain two vacancies for Brinsop & Wormsley and the council are taking steps to fill these.

The first meeting of the new council comprised both the Annual Meeting and a regular General Meeting. At the former, Sue Hallett was elected as Chairman for the coming year. The other principal piece of business was to check the overall financial situation of the council which remains fairly strong and, even with some unplanned expenditure, stayed within its overall budget. Also to review the annual governance reports to ensure good management practice. A full set of these documents will soon be published on the website (www.foxleygrouppc.org.uk/finance-legal).

The main points of the General Meeting were that the council was updated that the defibrillator pads and batteries for the unit in Mansel Lacy had been renewed. There are now some follow up actions to clarify ownership and hence the ability to properly insure the unit.

The council employs a Lengthsman, giving us the ability to carry out basic highway maintenance on our minor roads. To do this, Herefordshire Council need to give a contract, formally delegating authority to the council. Unfortunately, this year the process is running late and so the council is, as yet, unable to commission any work, particularly verge cutting. Herefordshire Council are being pressed on this matter but, until now, there is no answer on when this contract will be issued.

A couple of items were also raised regarding the road at Moorhampton. There is a concern over the speed of vehicles passing through the village, in particular to pedestrians crossing the road from the caravan park to walk up to the bus stop on the main A480. Also that there is no bus shelter on the A480, leaving people exposed to the elements and to traffic with a potential safety implication. This will be followed up with the relevant agencies to see what can be done to improve the situation.

Formal minutes of this and previous meetings are at www.foxleygrouppc.org.uk/meetings-agenda