

# Acton Burnell, Pitchford, Frodesley, Ruckley, Langley PC

## County Councillor Report Tues 20th Jan 2026

New Year Resolution - write shorter reports, get them out at least a day in advance

### Cabinet Member Planning visit

As agreed I've booked Cllr Dave Walker, Cabinet Member Planning, to visit. While he's here we have a quick tour of Concord College, apologies if we're a few minutes late.

Entirely up to you ofc what you may want to ask, I've suggested you may want to discuss:

- Outstanding local Planning matters
- Plans for a new 'Local Plan' – how Parish can contribute, what benefits may be
- Status of protection under current 'open countryside' Planning designation
- Cllr Walker's role in Cabinet and current financial challenges

### Parish Matters

Winter planning – recent snow clearance, gritting, bins

Two of my recent parish council meetings have wanted to share recent experiences and how well the roads were kept clear, safe etc. I'd welcome any comments for me to feed back to Highways. Those two parish councils also resolved to have an early autumn agenda item to review bins (locations; whether full), gritting routes, snow plough areas, key phone numbers.

Frodesley Lane/Longnor floods – following Chris Knowles' request to our last meeting, I arranged for Cllr Tom Dainty to visit, he met with us on site. Subsequent to that:

1. I'm told there was a visit to clear drains by the Frodesley Lane culvert
2. The Longnor flooding (not AB PC territory ofc) has worsened with bad potholes, I'm chasing to get both drainage and potholes tackled there.
3. I will meet with Chris Knowles again and push Cllr Dainty again on this

Frodesley white 'gates' - I met with Dave Gradwell on Thursday and discussed. He says these are still in schedule and are awaiting spend approval. Fingers crossed, tho' this is a somewhat different story to what I heard from another Highways officer, who raised concerns about the 'gates' meeting regulations.

Bentley Ford Farm bridleway - as requested I've chased but no reply at time of writing

### Current Shrops Council 'Task and Finish' roles

- Gyratory – *status complete* – we concluded this had been very badly handled by the Council, but very little could now be done as funds/plans had been signed off 2023/4 and C9uncil has no spare cash
- Community Infrastructure Levy – *status ongoing* – £16m unspent; allocations currently decided by officers with little councillor input; strategy/criteria so far unclear. We are trying to ensure more spending decisions need Cabinet approval
- Shirehall – *status starts soon* – we are reviewing Council's recent decision to demolish, and exploring other ways to bring in money for repairs.