Paul Gadd County Councillor Update

Wendens Ambo Parish Council 3/4/23

**[*Note, items in italics are repeats from last month, still unresolved]***

1. Locality Fund:
   1. I’ve now allocated all of the money for this year, but am told that they will be continuing the scheme with £5000 for 2023/24, so let me have any thoughts please
2. Highways matters affecting the parish:
   1. *[I’ve now got my second allocation of 18 potholes, so let me know if there are any others that you would like me to nominate]* – [*officially now finished, but I have registered the one by the level crossing in case they will take late entries*!]. I don’t get a confirmation so let me know if any progress and I’ll chase if not
   2. *[On the LHP scheme to introduce a 40mph zone west of the village, we’re still no further forward – we had a LHP panel meeting on 24/10, and the scheme still hasn’t even progressed to the validation stage, in common with many others. There are many complaints at the way the LHPs are failing to produce results, and apologies that there is still no progress.] [Sorry, still no change; I have chased again and been told that they have more resource to do validations, but most of the validations for the schemes I submitted more than a year ago still haven’t been done. The LHP officer is back on 9/1/23, and the next LHP meeting is on 16/1/23, so I hope I will have some more news soon.] [Sorry, still no change – I had a separate meeting with the LHP officer and the validations have still not progressed – I keep chasing]* Sorry but still the same
   3. *[As the validations for last year are going so slowly, we haven’t even been asked to put forward any schemes for this year’s LHP. We’re also still waiting to hear what the funding allocation will be for the forthcoming year.]* Sorry but still the same
3. Drainage issues:
   1. Success! I hope. I have got a new in-road gulley installed at the bottom of Station Road on 20/3/23, so hopefully that will be vastly better at collecting water and at not getting blocked. Obviously, do let me know how it goes.
4. ECC Matters:
   1. The booking system for the recycling centres has been introduced now; needless to say I’m getting a steady number of complaints about the lack of need and will keep chasing