Betchworth Parish Council Highways Report – June 2024

----- Fencing Fronting Barley Mow Court

Further risk raised with Building Control who shared our concern & contacted Highways who declined to take action but representation after fence fell onto road resulted in Highways inspecting again & temporary propping of remaining section undertaken by Barley Mow residents. They considered they had resolved issue but complaint made by PC that the fence still remained at high risk of falling into highway as not restrained adequately.

-----Alternative Bus Route During Rail Engineering Work

Police Safety Officer has agreed to meet Cllr. Randall to review new proposed route following existing bus route along Old Reigate Road & Kiln Lane up to A25. If approved consultation required with Network Rail & Bus Operator to implement.

-----Wonham Lane Drainage

District Cllr. Budd to take forward action with C.C.Cllr. Clack for discussion with owner of More Place. It is noted that residents have expressed differing views on the treatment of road surface. Highways have noted but have resolved to proceed with surface dressing.

-----Gateway at A25 Junction With Station Road

Order to be placed with Glasdon for the signage once consultation with C.C.Clack received to remove existing.

Dorking Master Plan

Cllr. Randall attended the zoom presentation by the appointed Council Consultants .A broad brush coverage of objectives was outlined but it was noted that Parish Councils close to Dorking were not involved in the initial consultation before appointment as the brief was restricted largely to the Town Centre . As PC's have close relationship to Dorking this was noted as disappointing.

Audience participation took place but focused largely on minor issues, mostly relating to highways, footpaths & speed reduction. In view of budget restraints at S.C.C. these are unlikely to be implemented. Little coverage was given to revitalising the shopping centre or tenant mix in the High Street.

The outcome of this no doubt costly exercise may not produce a long term restructuring of land use & objectives need to clarified with Council.