

Reports to Parish Council - Diane Bohm – 6 January 2021

1. **Housing Needs Survey** – issues and progress. This was set to begin on January 4th!! I was asked if we would still be able to carry out the leaflet drop etc and I said no. CDC and Community First are more than understanding about postponing until after the lockdown is lifted. There are some issues about financial year end for CDC but I'm sure we aren't the only project in this situation.
2. **Transportation Advisory Group** – Abbi has resigned as Chair and we haven't discussed a new one. Graham and Caroline are still involved and it would be a good idea to ask one of them to lead the work (Graham).
3. **Great Wolf Appeal progress: funds and update on Inquiry**
 1. The Inquiry now looks to be three weeks long due to the lengthy list of witnesses called by Great Wolf. These then need to be cross examined by our legal team. Costs will no doubt increase. Fund raising – it is doing fairly well considering the huge obstacles: inability to sell raffle tickets door to door, many villages not having shops to help out. We are relying on social media and personal selling over the phone. WOTG needs to be very active in this regards as we will have at least 52% of the traffic going down the B430. This is just the traffic coming from or towards junction nine. It is predicted individual GPS systems will lead people down rural roads either to “see the countryside” or to avoid major roads. Please see the maps we currently have provided by Motion for Great Wolf as part of their initial application and also as an update following refusal. The latter is part of their Statement of Case for the Inquiry.
 2. I have been working on increasing the number of villages in PAW, the number currently stands at 21. Our QC says that we need over 25 to carry weight. We have asked for support in this work from Councillors David Hughes, Timothy Hallchurch and Simon Holland. Each of these councillors have the oversight for a group of villages and perhaps they can persuade a few more parish councils to join. Meanwhile, we are contacting each village and explaining how they will be affected by the traffic either directly on a route to Chesterton or impacted by congestion on the roads. Update – now we have 23 villages and two more in the wings.
 3. How can this PC help? Would councillors be prepared to help sell raffle tickets? Could you contact friends and explain the benefits – great prizes. If this isn't possible, could you encourage direct donations to the fighting fund. This can be done through GoFundMe or directly to the bank account for this cause. Also, donations put into Gofundme – can be used for raffle tickets. Contact David Pheasey for info.
 4. Businesses Petition – about to be released. I could use some help to ask businesses in the village to get involved.

5. Section 106 – To be realistic we need to be aware that it is only wise to consider what should be on a Section 106 request. The Committee feels that villages in the vicinity should be part of the list. As Weston on the Green will potentially have 62% of the traffic going down the B430, I recommend that we consider some traffic mitigation. Ideas?