

District Councillor Update January 2026. Councillors A. Bailes

The Council has had a cabinet reshuffle due to the inclusion of a cabinet member now responsible for Local Government Reform.

A replacement is still being sort for a new Deputy Chief Executive/Chief Finance Officer.

A further briefing on the initial analysis of the Draft Development Plan Consultation later next week. Your Independent District Councillor are continuing to monitor the analysis to ensure that there is no bias in the results. Further details will follow as they come available.

Please note that the National Planning Policy Framework is being updated and the draft copy is available from the Government website. You are asked to comment prior to this becoming policy which we anticipate will be May 2026. Therefore, it is imperative that anyone who is on the Planning and Highways Committee read and understand this document.

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Councillor - A. Bailes: Alvechurch Division

There has been no update to report.

Work has continued with reported problems and issues in the Parish:

- Double yellow lines at Portway on the slip road approach to the A435 – **on going**.
- The request regarding the White gates at Portway are still being discussed between the CC HLO and BPC.
- The Highways Liaison Officer (HLO) has resigned, and a replacement is being sought, in the meantime Tony Daliston, the Redditch HLO is helping out.
- Improvement works at the A441/Dagnell End Road junction, due to the Brockhill development, is due to start in spring.
- Associated problems outside Beoley First School – **on going**.

I have put out a post on Facebook regarding grit bins and gritting routes.

A new speed limit policy has been issued by WCC and I intend to review the policy with a view to the problems outside Beoley School.