

# Acton Burnell, Frodesley, Pitchford, Ruckley & Langley Parish Council

## **Response to questions put to the Parish Council, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020, by R Hartley.**

The Parish Council is not currently engaged in applying for modification of the Definitive Map with regard to the road from Pitchford to Golding. However, the Parish Council cannot state that it would not consider such action in the future, should the weight of evidence and local representation require it to do so.

The Parish Council has responded to concerns from members of the electorate and advised the current situation as understood. In some instances it has provided a template copy of Shropshire Council's 'Public right of Way User Evidence Statement' and Guidance notes.

The Parish Council has been consulting with Shropshire Council to establish the current designation of the road from Pitchford to Golding and how that has come about. It has sought to understand the process and the implications of a Statutory Declaration under S31.6 Highways Act 1980. The Parish Council has also sought clarification on the process for correcting or changing the 'Definitive Map'. It will advise any enquirer as to that process, including any current or future applicants, to ensure that the process is carried out and completed in the correct manner.

The Parish Council will again state that it has at no time commissioned and issued a questionnaire relating to the road from Pitchford to Golding. If such a questionnaire has been circulated it has not originated from this Parish Council and it would therefore request that, if you have a copy, you please forward it to the Parish Clerk for investigation.

The 'Declaration of Pecuniary Interest' relates to monetary gain or payment in kind from employment, securities, shares, contracts, property and land. Therefore, a Council Member would not have to declare access across land if they do not have the right to occupy that land or receive income from it.

The Parish Council can only respond to questions regarding its administrative procedures, policies, decisions and the manner in which they are implemented or carried out. The remaining questions are personally directed and as such the Parish Council cannot know the answers and will not provide a response. Furthermore, the Parish Council asks that you do not include such personally directed questions in any future correspondence or submissions to the Council.

Elizabeth Wicks, Clerk & RFO

On behalf of

Acton Burnell Frodesley Pitchford Ruckley & Langley PC.