

6 **Address by Ben Walker...(continued)**

- iii) Given modern farming methods a strong reliable mobile signal is crucial. Complaints should be channelled through Philip Dunne MP
- iv) The Shropshire Broadband programme amounts to £45m of which Phase 1 (£26m) is near completion. Phase 2 will start early next year running through to 2018. Will finalise contract with winning bids by March 2017
- v) There are various ranges of technology. We are served by the Stottesdon exchange.
- vi) The work in the Farlow Parish is for fibre optic to premises.-each household has to make an application. For which there is a cost and as there are fewer providers of this service there is less completion on pricing. Cost depends on what speed the applicant wants.
- vii) He showed a map of those premises which would be served by fibre optic. A good proportion in Farlow but not so good for those properties in the South West.
- viii) Concerns were expressed about the quality of work performed in the area to date. Ben said complaints should be channelled through him.

7 **Housing in Parish/Parish Plan**

There was nothing to report this month. This item will be removed from the Agenda

8 **Unitary Councillors Report**

Madge Shineton reported as follows:

- i) She commented we had never registered an interest in any asset in the Parish. We need to check with Steve Cains to see if access to register is still open for entries. She mentioned the land adjacent to the Village Hall.
- ii) She was asked to prompt Alice Dilley for a price for a Village Hall direction sign.
- iii) Precepting by Parish Councils for shared services will be discussed at the next LJC Meeting.
- iv) Bus Scheme being 'cooked up' for 2L route with tributary services
- v) Health is still a major issue. Very differing attitude between Patient Groups. There is more emphasis on treating people in their own home to relieve pressure on hospitals. Having to put out tenders for Care providers.
- vi) There is to be a consultation and a public meeting in the New Year about the Acute Hospital preference for the County.
- vii) We need to rebalance housing policy with more help given to local people-Affordable as well as single plot exception sites. With some self-build schemes there is a problem raising a mortgage because of the restrictive rules.
- viii) The DY postcode is causing problems and confusion in providing health services more relevant to where people live. Using OS grid references would be more helpful. After all postcodes were only ever meant to aid Royal Mail deliver mail efficiently.

.Madge Shineton left the Meeting

9 **Bus Shelter in Farlow**

Although the bus arrives before the children it is not always the case and they need a covered space when waiting. The proposal is to site it by side of road in Farlow