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1.

Codsall and Bilbrook are thriving, vibrant villages of mixed cultures and ages. But we should hold our horses and have a think about any more major developments. I believe we should see what the impact is from the newly finished houses in Codsall and Bilbrook. There is the unknown factor of just how many people the population could increase by – and also the effect of climate change. We cannot know until it happens and then it could be too late – and if you are going to continue to build it will become impossible to control effectively as both population and climate change will rise dramatically and you will have used up your valuable resources in the village which could have managed these consequences. Companies such as Boningale Homes and other interested building companies do not have our interests at heart, just the attitude of a sledge hammer. There is unwelcome speculative building ideas without forethought for consequences. I know you will do your utmost to improve their ideas but your hands are tied if they fulfil requirements in the wrong area.

With the new builds would come all the concrete trappings.

2.

Instead of spending money on making Codsall and Bilbrook and Penkridge, etc. bigger because the infrastructure is already there and thus overloading our infrastructure maybe we should look to other towns and villages who once had a community and has now lost its facilities. If they had had a major industry there such as potteries, coal mines, etc, there would have been a rail link and a main road to transport their goods. The towns would benefit from transport, education, retail and a lively diverse age group.

The positive benefits of reviving struggling communities – in time – will be a more profitable outcome. I know expenditure and government target is a top priority but I believe that time will show it to be of more economic benefit and the housing targets will be met.

Summary. Codsall and Bilbrook has a lot going for it, spend it on somewhere else which is in desperate need of revival and will bring them up to par.