

## **Reports for Parish Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

### **Graham Zacharias**

Nothing new to report on IGas or potholes.

### **Finance**

The only issue of interest is the renewal of the insurance. I'm happy to go with the reduced quote as long as the issues on coverage levels have been addressed satisfactorily.

### **Tree Licence**

The 11 individual licence applications for planting on the verges near the school have now been submitted. No planting regime has been specified following advice from CDC. We will get a visit in due course from one of their tree specialists who will advise on options. Timescale is 6-8 weeks so we should have clearance by end October.

### **Rebecca Trowell**

#### **Playground**

The playground continues to make progress, we have now ordered all the equipment for phase 1. This includes the 2-bay swing with 2 flat swings and a basket swing and a single bay swing with 2 cradle seats, 3 picnic benches, one of which is wheel chair friendly, the sports wall and basketball net. The PC agreed to remove the existing structure and this should be done as soon as possible as the equipment will be arriving in early Nov. David Ward has kindly agreed to remove the waste but we must collapse all the structures and cut into sizes that will fit into a trailer. Barry has confirmed that the grounds team will do this but need to finalise the date and any support / equipment that is required.

The playground committee have now moved to fundraising for Phase 2. We have already secured £18,575 of funding. We need £31,000 total for phase 2.

We do have the match funding opportunity. If the parish can raise £5,000 the private donor will match this, which will provide another £10,000. We currently have £1,320 on our just giving page and we are putting a plan of fundraising activities together now that the children are back to school. Part of the plan is a supper in the Village Hall as a fundraiser, to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> November with raffle. We are also talking to the schools about sponsored activities with the children/cake sale etc, dates to be circulated.

So, the total amount with village fund raising should be £28,575.

We would like to seek agreement to ask IGas for a further £2,500 in the funding round in Feb 2023. This is an annual fund and we normally share this with the Village Hall but the village hall gifted their slot this year and now it is our slot in 2023. If we can seek £2,500 from IGas, we will be in a position to purchase and install the track and the bounce area.

The final phase of funding will be phase 3 which is the purchase of new equipment and upgrade of the existing play area.

#### **Accessibility Project**

We have received funding for the purchase of trees as part of the accessibility project. We are still in the process of confirming a tree planting license. We also secured support from the village hall which was greatly received. We have the removal of the telephone box in hand as well as the purchase of the heritage boards. Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful in securing funding from CIL and so we are going to relook at the funding approach with Chris Patterson and create a new

strategy to raise funds. Obviously, we have the support of Rees Jeffreys which means that we are half way there already.

### **Robert Mayne**

#### **Henry Smith Charity**

We are waiting confirmation from the main Henry Smith Charity on the result of our application for a Supplementary Grant. The application included an amount for The Playground Project.

**There are no other updates to report**

### **Tony Marshall**

#### **Traffic / Community Highways Scheme (CHS)**

The proposal was submitted before the end of July, in time to be included in this year's considerations. The following is from the formal response from Mike Dare:

*"We are currently undertaking an initial assessment of all our CHS applications. If your proposal passes the initial assessment, then your application will be subject to a more detailed assessment and presented to an independent panel for moderation and prioritisation.*

*The decision on which schemes go forward will not be taken until later in the year and we will contact you to advise the outcome."*

We understand that the schemes are considered in September/October, so hope to hear more before the next PC meeting.

#### **Parish Design Statement**

I've been working through the comments from Chris Paterson. A number of them require further consideration and discussion, which I feel would benefit from at least one other person to go through these with. During the earlier stage, Jane Mayhew was that other person – so if anyone can spare some time to step into this role, it would be much appreciated.

#### **Heritage Boards**

Richard Pailthorpe advises me that the Board texts have been printed, but final completion has been held up because one prominent local business, which initially offered financial support, has delayed on committing to this and making the donation. As the finished board will show the full list of supporters, this is holding things up. He's hoping to hear from them very shortly.

I understand that Robert Mayne is coordinating the removal of the Leys telephone box, the planned site for the Singleton board. There are no issues over the siting of the Charlton board .

#### **Church Way – roof tiles**

We were contacted by two parishioners flagging up the change of roof tiles on the Hyde Housing bungalows from plain clay to plain grey concrete. I've had correspondence both with Chris Paterson, Planning Policy Lead at SDNP and Michael Coates-Evans, in Planning Enforcement at CDC. The latter believes that planning permission is required as the change *'will materially affect the external appearance of the building'*; he has *'also recommended that such an application would be unlikely to receive officer support'*.

The product being used is described by the manufacturer as 'Antique' – see

<https://www.wienerberger.co.uk/product-range/roof/plain-tile-antique-no2.html> - but the

actual tiles appear more grey in reality than they appear on the website.

The PC has been added as a complainant, so we will be updated on any developments.

## **Barry Shrimpton**

### **Village Clean-Up**

Yet to be decided whether a 2<sup>nd</sup> clean-up of the year, will take place.

### **Notice Boards**

New material has been fitted to the Singleton notice board.

New material will be fitted to the Charlton notice board on the 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> September - weather permitting.

### **Playground**

Work ongoing to remove and dispose of the old swings by End-Sept.

Strimming around the large logs and willow house has taken place – The proposal to amend the maintenance contract to increase the cuts to this area going forward, to be discussed.

### **Pond**

In the absence of receiving a response from the Wessex Wildlife Trust, it is recommended that a 'light' touch clean-up of the pond is carried out whilst the pond is empty of any water. i.e. Removal of any dead foliage and ensuring a free flow of water in/out of the pond, placing any foliage removed from the pond on the bank for a period of 2-weeks.

### **Riparian Letter**

Riparian letter has been distributed to the relevant property owners according.

### **General Improvements**

Singleton Information board has been painted

Areas around the village Gateways have been cleared

Discussions ongoing with the Itchenor PC, with regard to planting options and improvements for 2023

## **Vivien Nuttall**

### **Finance Report**

Finance Balance in Current Account (27/09/22) **Not including Reserves below** - £12,236.30

Playground Reserves held in Current Account - £12,320.88

Accessibility Project Reserves held in Current Account - £5,500.00

Heritage Board Reserves held in Current Account - £1,300.00

**Total in Current Account – 33,357.38**

Balance in Savings Account (18/07/22) – £7,003.00

Money Received Sussex Martyrs - £2,000.00 (included in the above figures)

VAT Not Claimed - £3,338.07

## **Henry Potter**

First of all I'd like to say how sorry I was to learn of Debbie Harwoods illness, and I wish her a successful recovery. It seems nobody is immune from this awful disease.

On Friday 15th July, a while ago now but worth a mention, I attended a online 'Workshop' held by Southern Water when they opened a consultation period to engage with their customers. They admit without reservation their poor track record and proposed many measures they will be pursuing in the future.

First of all, with a estimated population growth of 7%, which I believe to be a UNDER estimate, by 2040, the South East of England will see a SHORTFALL in water supply of 1 billion litres per day. Unless we all take steps to reduce our water consumption considerably, we could be in a serious situation, though this is less likely to affect us as our water is supplied by Portsmouth Water.

However, PW do export and sell water extracted from the Lavant Valley to Southern Water so in the long term this could affect Chichester District. At least SW are now considering a de-salination plant at Littlehampton but that could be as late as 2040, 18 years hence. They also expect by 2050 to reduce to zero!! storm water overflows of the networks. Some slight comfort for residents in the

District but within 28 years?? They have recently started to line leaking laterals which cause so many problems in the Lavant Valley Villages when the water table is high.

There will be more on this as the consultation concludes.

Residents may have read in the local paper that Diane Shepherd, our CEO has written a bid for £13.7 million from the Government's 'Levelling Up Fund' towards much needed improvements in the City. These include improved facilities for some of the old buildings in Priory Park, one of which is the neglected historic cricket pavilion, the public toilets are in need of a complete re fit and provision of disabled toilets and a much-needed uplift to the Children's Play Area. There has also been much interest in creating an attractive 'Park' area in West Street along the length from the now empty Morants / Army and Navy Store to the Cross with tree planting and flower beds. Also there are plans to make the northern gyratory around Metro House and the Fire Station a more user friendly area for pedestrians and cyclists. These proposals have been agreed with other Party Members and Cllr. Adrian Moss the opposition leader has given his full backing to this bid. I will add that the reconstruction of the northern gyratory is a feature of the Chichester Vision document for consideration in the future which was drawn up along with the Southern Gateway Project 4-5 years ago. More of this later in the year when bids are considered and awarded.

As part of the ongoing Local Plan Review, the Planning Officers asked for Members comments on the various Policies contained in the 2015 adopted Local Plan and the updated policies have just been produced in a document of 162!! Pages.

This update will form a major part of the NP Review which is now nearing completion and should soon be available for the statutory 6-week Public Consultation. It is such a lengthy tome I haven't thoroughly read and digested it yet, but there are several policies in need of change, particularly one concerning second homes in the Plan Area.! More on this later.

On Tuesday the Council should agree a recommendation from Cabinet to continue the support funding for the District Community Warden service to be match funded by participating Parish Councils. These include Selsey, Tangmere, Chichester East and Wick, Chichester West and the Wittering's. These are areas of above average deprivation in the District and the service works well dealing with ASB and domestic issues. They will also expect to agree funding of £288,750 towards the cost of a all-weather playing surface at Oakland's Park Football facility. This funding will be dependent on the considerable balance of the project cost coming from the Football League. Locally, I've been copied in to the correspondence regarding the antisocial behaviour of the tenant of the old mill building in Charlton. I find it alarming that this continues despite Goodwood Estate being aware of it and the involvement of the Police. I wonder if the Duke of Richmond has been made aware of it, if not he should. It's not good for the Goodwood "image"