

WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk report – August 2020

H&S

- Urgent tree works – there was a large piece of dead wood in one of the chesnut trees on the Rec so I arranged for this to be treated as a matter of urgency.
- We have been in touch with the Colts following a recent incident where a tent peg left in the ground caused some damage to the gang mower. Fortunately Robert was able to put it right this time but we have told them they must take greater care to ensure that all the pegs are collected at the end of matches.
- Toddler Wheeled park – delivery of Heras fencing this week was incomplete, we should have what we need next week.
- Byelaws. Following legislative changes in Feb 2016 Parish Councils no longer have the power to make byelaws (with the exception of those relating to public bathing/ swimming baths).

General

The combination of spells of hot weather followed by rain means lots of growth on our green areas. I have asked Brookfields to do a further cut at the cemetery. A recommendation re a mower for that area is not yet ready as it hasn't been possible to organise a trial before this meeting. Good results are being experienced with the new tractor. Additional security has been organised in the shed.

There are a number of issues I haven't progressed this month but which remain on the list for action. These include

- Street Lights in Jubilee Close and Burgess Road passageway – order to be placed
- Chittering bus stop/phone box cleaning – awaiting quotes
- Chittering playground – await Wicksteed response and need to get flooring quotes in
- Dogs on the Recreation Ground - arrange for new signage for the Recreation Ground
- Classes etc on the Rec – policy to be drafted

Planning

- Urban & Civic - following a request from members to organise a site visit, some Councillors have now been on a familiarisation tour of the barracks area that U&C will be redeveloping. A conditions tracker has been circulated and I have asked Tim Slater to monitor this for us. The latest newsletter has been circulated to residents now.
- Cambridge – NE Cambridge project -the Greater Cambridge Partnership stakeholder briefing on the results of the recent Waterbeach to Cambridge engagement will now be at **6pm on Wednesday 02 September, a day earlier than originally scheduled**. This is an opportunity to hear more about the project and the next steps before it is taken to the Executive Board in October. The new registration link is: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_4T8WQWukTM2YoDqidTcY2Q
- The agenda for the next Greater Cambridge Partnership Joint Assembly meeting has some items which may be of interest, namely: Horningsea Greenway and Better Public Transport - Waterbeach to North East Cambridg project. This will be a zoom meeting at 2:00 p.m. Thursday

10th September 2020. The full agenda (contains a number of maps and photographs and may take a while to open) is here:

https://cambridgeshire.cmis.uk.com/ccc_live/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/1300/Committee/36/Default.aspx

- CAPALC training sessions on planning - since the agenda was issued I've found out that the Planning training events publicised by CAPALC are now fully booked. This is an initiative from the Eastern Counties' ALCs as a whole so CAPALC are asking if more sessions can be set up, also whether the recordings could be made available to members.

Highways

- A resident of Cattell's Lane Waterbeach is concerned that the tarmac pavement by the entrance to their property has broken up and causing a dangerous trip hazard. I have informed the County Cllr.

Small Business Grant

- The Government only verified a week or so ago that Parish Councils were entitled to claim Small Business grant. SCDC helpfully alerted us and I've applied – we can expect £10,000. The claim was in relation to the Sports Pavilion where we get small business rate relief. It is to help with ongoing business costs. I don't know how strictly use of the grant is monitored, but certainly it will help as we will be picking up costs related to the legionella check and other Covid-generated expenditure in there. And if there aren't restrictions on where its spent then it can also help support the additional costs elsewhere – such as at the library.