

WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk report – October 2020

Planning

U&C have provided me with an update which I will put onto the website (it needs some personal details redacting first). If there are any issues arising from it that Councillors want to see on the next Planning agenda please let Carol and I know.

RLW – a [consultation has been launched](#) in respect to the RLW application. Tim has had a quick look and advised that it is in relation to minor changes to the parameter plan concerning

- coordination between the UC and RLW linkages
 - references to the UC application have been changed to reflect that permission has been granted
 - changes to access an parameter plan
 - Coordination of information between the various parameter plans to secure consistency.
- He will have a look through and provide a summary for the October Planning Committee meeting. Closing date for responses is 23 October 2020.

H&S

Legionella checks now complete and all now clear. The Parish Office received a low positive reading but remedial works took place and a subsequent retest has come back negative. There were no problems in the sports pavilion beyond a recommendation to get the showers descaled.

Vandalism in mid-September – the office noticeboard was ripped off and the perspex dragged to the skate park where there was also significant glass debris from a broken bottle of spirit or spirits. I reported this into the Police.

Drainage repairs at Chapel Close at the Rec entrance led to a collapse of the tarmacking. This was reported in to SCDC who dealt with it.

The Fair passed off largely without incident although they were not able to keep all paths clear and they did have to remove 3 small overhanging low branches to access. (The low level of branches have already been flagged up as a potential problem which will need addressing to make the erection of Christmas lights possible).

Trees – our tree audit was carried out at the end of September – report awaited.

I had a couple of concerns on the same day about one of the baby buggy classes where it appears the large number on the Green meant the paths were not clear. They have apologised and are more than happy to relocate to the Gault and keep the path clear.

General

A small business owner has been in touch enquiring if there is PC land from which she could operate an evening food van service once a week or fortnight. The only space I can think of is the Rec car park but as a starter we are exploring how this works in Cambourne where I understand they already

have a presence one a week. This will then be brought to Council. On a related issue I haven't yet made progress with a paper on using the Rec/village Green for new classes, markets etc.

A recent incident saw a number of football net pegs being left in the ground after a match causing some damage to mower blades. We will get a quote in for repair. The Colts are now trialling plastic pegs which should be less damaging.

Winter renovations to the bowls surface took place last week – thanks to those bowls club members who helped with this.

Closed church yard

Quite a few years ago (in 2012) and following a request from St Johns Parochial church council, the Ground Staff undertook mowing in the Closed Old Burial Ground to assist the church. I am expecting a further request – I'm not sure how comprehensive the request will be but I will bring it to the Council as when it arrives.

Chittering

New gate now in place. Only one quote was received for the cleaning of the bus stop and phone box but at least by the end of this month it will get done. As far as playground surfacing is concerned, I have had one quote in. As the figure is considerably more than I had anticipated I will be asking them (and the others I wrote to) to suggest alternatives to the rubber mulch solution I had originally asked them to quote for.

Street Lights in Jubilee Close and Burgess Road passageway – Balfour Beatty have been checking the precise locations with us and we await a date for the works.

Highways

Thanks are due to County Councillor Bradnam who has alerted me that between 9 and 23 November (8pm until 05:30 am) the A10 will be shut near the Cambridge Research Park – meaning a lengthy diversion.

Apologies to Cllrs but the Local Highways Initiative closed for applications in September. I did not have time to alert Councillors.