

## **CLERK'S REPORT SINCE JANUARY MEETING.**

### **Insurance claim re Church Road VAS.**

ECC placed an order with their contractor on 10<sup>th</sup> November.

Order placed with Solagen for the replacement VAS.

Reminder sent to ECC Highways as reinstatement still hasn't taken place. ECC say the contractors will be chased.

### **VAS, Henry Dixon Road.**

Order placed with Solagen for the extension arm.

ECC have placed an order with their contractors.

Cheque drawn at December meeting for cost of post erection but invoice not paid as yet as post not yet erected.

I've contacted ECC regarding this a number of times, but we still lack the post and account reminders have been received from ECC Finance.

ECC say that contractors will be chased.

### **A12 Improvements.**

I have been contacted by Atkins - Agents for the Highways Agency - regarding some preliminary work which they intend to undertake in the near future at the junction of the A12 and Oak Road. During the conversation it would appear that Atkins are looking into a possible permanent road closure at the Oak Road junction for all HGVs - but this is in no way a definite proposal at this stage.

Atkins confirm they will contact the PC prior to any major works being undertaken.

It was also mentioned that the new owner of the former Fox Public House is in the process of formulating a planning application regarding a change of use for the property.

### **The Localism Bill and the Big Society.**

Writing to the BBC regarding the inaccurate portrayal of Parish Councils in the new bulleting on 13<sup>th</sup> December. They portrayed PCs as being very similar to the one shown in the 'Vicar of Dibley' comedy programme. A copy of information regarding the Localism Bill has been emailed to those on the system and a copy will be included on the website and in the circulation box.

### **ECC Highways.**

Once again there has been a major restructuring within ECC Highways and all the people with whom we have had a rapport are no longer dealing with our Parish. Apparently there's a new Customer Liaison Team to which all enquiries should be sent so that the messages can be passed to the appropriate officer, but at the moment I do not have any individual contact details.

Damaged bollard at junction of Oak Road and Henry Dixon Road reported to Highways.

### **Grass cutting in the Parish.**

Greenfields have indicated a figure, which they would be prepared to reimburse the PC for grass cutting in the Parish.

A quote is awaited from BDC for undertaking this work as previously.

Item on the Agenda for February meeting.

### **Salt bins.**

Greenfields have no objection, in principle, to the relocation of the existing salt bin up to the top of St. Mary's Road and will be willing to install a concrete base for the bin. A site meeting will have to be arranged to agree the exact location. ECC Highways will have to agree to the

relocation of this bin and have been requested to do so. Due to the restructuring at ECC Highways this may take some time!!  
Greenfields confirm that they will "...give some consideration" to a new salt bin at the top of the garage hill, although no promises have been made.  
Item on the Agenda for February meeting.

#### **Annual Parish Assembly.**

Initial compilation of Annual Report, in A4 size with larger print, together with sending invitations to invited speakers and requests for local community information.  
Some information received for the Community Information document but very little from Members for the Annual Report.

#### **Greensward, St. Mary's Road.**

Communication with Greenfields regarding protection for this area from vehicle erosion.  
Letter sent to local residents outlining the possible solutions available with an invitation for them to comment before the PC make any recommendation to Greenfields.  
Site meeting arranged for Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February with Greenfields CH.  
Item on the Agenda for February meeting.

#### **Bus shelter notice board.**

The notice board has been repaired and reinstated in the bus shelter.

#### **Albert Moss Play Equipment.**

Communication sent to BDC giving information regarding the recommended clearance for the roundabout. BDC confirm that this will be checked and rectified as necessary.

#### **Parish Council Website.**

Documents forwarded for inclusion on Parish Council website are as up to date as possible, including a copy of the explanatory document regarding the Localism Bill.

#### **Possible new footway to bus stops on Rickstones Road.**

Greenfields indicate their reluctance to provide a footway along the edge of the small grass area and suggest that a more suitable location would be along the Beech Road verge of the large Village Green, this is BDC property.

I have contacted BDC to request the construction of this footway, along the edge of the large Village Green bordering Beech Road, be included in their budget for 2011/2012.

BDC indicate this *could* be included in the 2012/2013 budget with no guarantee of support. An order of cost has been requested as an interim measure.

The footway has been measured at 28 metres long and 1.5 metres wide.

Site meeting arranged with BDC for Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

Item on the Agenda for February meeting.

#### **Elections in May 2011.**

Compiling an information document for Members to be included with the Agenda for the February meeting. Further documentation, provided via BDC also included with your Agenda.

#### **Electricity supply to Christmas Tree lights.**

Awaiting invoice from the supply company.

#### **Planning Applications.**

Comments forwarded to BDC re the planning applications referred to at Minute 403.

**Finance.**

Accounts are up to date and reconciled to the Bank Statements.

Cheque for ECC still held back pending installation of VAS post in Henry Dixon Road.

**Coffee Morning PC 'Surgery'.**

Attending this on a fairly regular basis along with Councillors.

**Liaison with Chairman.**

Liaison with the Chairman upon various items of correspondence, including the ECC Minerals Development Documents.

Keith Taylor (Parish Clerk)

25<sup>th</sup> January 2011.