

PORTFOLIO REPORTS – MAY 2017

Highways – Cllr Wooles

As I was preparing to circulate a "Nothing to Report" on the Highways portfolio, I was contacted by a parishioner who was concerned about an incident this AM, 15 May.

He advised that:

"Two vehicles were parked at the triangle at the Woodman/Watley lanes junction, one a big lorry with a blue container on the rear on the road north side of the triangle with a van backed onto the rear of the lorry and parked on the verge. This occurred at c10:00am this morning, 15th May. I was suspicious as goods were being transferred from the lorry into van. When I returned 40 minutes later two sheets of wood and a number of wooden stakes had been left where the van had been parked on the verge. Apart from the leaving of debris I do wonder whether the transfer of goods was above board."

I have passed this information and the vehicle registration number to our PCSO and asked that she investigate and let me know what she discovers.

Footpaths

Note from clerk – have been notified that the earliest that priority footpaths listed below will be cut is June

- 14 Woodman Lane at Ham Green to Dean Lane at Dean
- 9 Woodman Lane at Ham Green to Sarum Road at Burrow Copse
- 7 Dean Lane at Dean to Lanham Lane
- 4 Stockbridge Road at Telephone Exchange to Church Road, north east of Church and War Memorial
- 5 Church Road, opposite War Memorial to Dean Lane at Dean
- 6 Woodman Lane, opposite Lainston Farm to Stockbridge Road, opposite Apley House

Playground – Cllr Reid

The annual inspection took place on 10 May. We are awaiting the full report but it sounds like there will be no major issues. We do however have to fit gate stops (in the form of wooden posts) for the gates within the next month. I am trying to arrange for the work to be done.

I have emailed Caroline Horrill to find out who to contact at WCC about the perimeter fencing. This not part of the playground and so is not our financial responsibility, though to get the work done I expect we may have to contribute.

Memorial Hall – Cllr Annesley

Richard Summerfield and I are investigating the possible funds from Kirton Wind Farm for a sustainable project.

Allegedly missiles (stones) have been fired over the hedge from the school and onto the footpath! This is being managed.

School report – Cllr Cobbold

Head teacher: As explained at the annual meeting last month our headteacher Mrs McCarthy will be leaving the school at the end of the summer term. I will be helping with recruiting for a replacement so will be able to update the PC.

The field: Just to reiterate what was said at the annual meeting the county have renegotiated the lease so that the school can use it for the next 3 years.

Sports day: Will be held on Friday 23rd June.

Admissions for sept 2017: Pleased to say that all children within catchment were offered a place at the school.

Shop – Cllr Reid

There is nothing significant to report on. The finances of the Shop seem to be improving a bit but the improved turnover is largely due to sales of sandwiches and pies, the production of which depends upon the goodwill of a handful of volunteers. In my view, this is not sustainable in the medium to long term.

Communications – Cllr Little

As far as the Communications Report there is little for me to report other than your good work to refresh the website.