



Clerk Report December 2020

(information only, if any resolutions are required, they will be noted on the agenda)

HCC Updates/ County Councillor

See separate agenda point

Wharf Estate/Vistry Group (Bovis/Linden Homes)

Complaints received re foliage being cut back and removal of trees on the canal – residents signposted to Vistry website.

Warden

Winter PPE delivered.

Our warden continues to battle the increased litter and fly-tipping issue within Nash Mills, fortunately with his hard work and his excellent relationship with the teams from DBC he is managing to keep on top of it.

Playpark Works

Finished. Clerk to arrange schedule of inspections for 2021.

Gate-closer- council advice needed. There has been an ongoing issue with the gate and I have had no luck in getting the previous contractor to engage yet (despite numerous calls and emails) to provide a quote to repair it. The self-closer has now broken but the warden has reported that the gate is now fitting much better without the self-closer and the original issue is subsequently resolved. It would appear that the original self-closer was too small for the size of the gate and a bigger one is not manufactured. This will now mean that the gate will not self-close and parents will be responsible for ensuring that they close the gate behind them. I will be asking council to consider that we leave the gate as is, especially as we have the yellow gates interrupting direct access to the road. We could then wait to see the outcome of our Spring inspection.

Accessibility Plan

Ongoing.

Assets of Community Value

DBC confirmed receipt and required copies of land registry documents provided by clerk.

Tommies

Back in storage as per council's request.

Clerk Phone

Contract expires December 2020 and will report to council in January.

Training

VAT Wed 2nd December 2020 (HAPTC)

Planning Presentation (DBC) attended.

Parish Online Software presentation 26th November 2020 (HAPTC) report to follow in January explaining costs and possible trial to measure against benefits to NMPC. The software enables us to plot planning/assets/issues and access multi-layer maps similar to the DBC system.

Bins riverside flats and cygnet house

Ongoing issues with the abuse of the bin cupboards and fly tipping, a lot of it is apparently created by residents' using the bin stores for large bulky items upon tenancy changes/building works rather than visiting the tip. DBC will not collect as it is private land.

I have finally located the managing agent. Lengthy discussion held. I have requested that solutions are investigated otherwise I will have no option but to report to enforcement as it is causing a health hazard. The managing agent is unhappy at the amounts being paid for private removal and I have asked that investigations are undertaken to look at ways of protecting their bins/limiting access.

Fly-Tipping Red Lion Lane (path down to the canal)

After lengthy enquiries I have managed to ascertain that the land does not belong to anyone-it is unregistered. I have asked B/Cllr Maddern to liaise with DBC to see what we can do about this section of unregistered land. I am not sure that it is in the parish councils' best interests (or indeed possible) to 'adopt' this parcel of land as we would then be financially liable for the ongoing maintenance and waste removal etc. We would also be liable for the removal of anyone living in their vehicles as has occurred previously. It would be preferable if we could ask DBC to take ownership and investigate options to make it a footpath perhaps reducing the access that enables the fly tipping by vans etc.

Correspondence Received

A resident has complained about the litter around the bins at Gade Tower and people throwing rubbish from their windows. There also appears to be too many bins for the bin storage cupboard. B/Cllr Maddern has taken this forward with DBC for us.

Nikki Bugden

Clerk to the Council December 2020