

COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO REPORTS – MAY 2015

Highways

Other than the recent re-surfacing work on Woodman Lane and the promised, but not delivered, clearance of drains in Church Lane, there is nothing significant to report.

However, Sue W, John L and I meet with Steve Lincoln, Community Planning Manager at Winchester City Council, on Thursday 30 April to discuss "Parish Plans". We established that unlike Neighbourhood Plans, Parish Plans are not focussed on planning issues and can be used to address any issues that concern a community.

During our meeting we walked along Woodman Lane to illustrate its narrow and sinuous nature and the typical problems relating to the volume and speed of daily traffic through Sparsholt. Steve L suggested that the PC might consider inviting members of the community to prepare a Parish Plan to address the problems of the growing volume of traffic through the village.

It was agreed that the issue of using a Parish Plan to focus the attention of both City and County councils on Sparsholt's traffic problems should be discussed at a future planning meeting.

Stewart Wooles

12 May 2015

Footpaths

Sorry not to be with you at the next meeting.

Last year I mentioned that the Ham Greeners were considering purchasing a new trimming machine which could be used to keep the paths clear in return for a modest fee. This would mean that outside labour would not be required and I anticipate it would be more cost effective.

I am sure this is good for both the PC and Ham Green, it also give us both more control of this lovely important area. I am meeting Terry Dunn on Saturday to get an idea of work schedule and price and will forward details as soon as available.

Meantime could I ask that the meeting consider this purchase?

Nothing to report on footpaths and I remain happy to retain the portfolio for footpaths and open spaces.

Ian Hay

15 May 2015

Playground

Charlotte Chadwick's inspection report attached

Sparsholt Memorial Hall

The Memorial Hall Committee are very happy to report that a new Cleaner/Caretaker has been appointed. She is Chrissie Bugden who lives in Sparsholt and already works part-time for the school.

She is therefore already familiar with our strengths and weaknesses. She replaces Elaine who has resigned and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Elaine for all her hard work over the years, often in difficult circumstances.

Otherwise can I thank those who took part in the meeting to make the Hall look more inviting. Already the tubs, shrubs and Crab Wood "logs" have made a great improvement, what can we do with the dustbins? Thank you everybody.

On the down-side, the cesspit overflowed, you might well ask what cesspit but yes this slumbering giant has caused us much concern and may have to be replaced. We are arguing increased use by children and the lunches every day.

Finally our usual problems remain, namely, Piano, Escape Route and Parking/Traffic flow."

Thank you for listening/reading.

Richard Summerfield
12 May 2015