

PORTFOLIO HOLDER REPORTS

Highways – Stewart Wooles

Flooding at The Plough - The issue with the drains at the junction of Woodman Lane and Watley Lane causing flooding near The Plough has not yet been resolved. The recent rain, once again caused significant and dangerous flooding across the whole of Woodman Lane. A gully sucker was deployed and this cleared the water in the road. No action has yet to be taken to address the blockage in the drains that was identified and mentioned in my previous Highways Report.

We would much appreciate the intervention of Phil Bailey our Hampshire County Councillor to expedite this work and also the removal of the fallen tree at the back of the balancing pond.

Potholes – Although we have not had a particularly cold winter, the high rainfall has, inevitably, caused some road surfaces to break up and over time cause potholes. Residents are invited to report potholes direct to Hampshire County Council by going to its website www.hants.gov.uk and selecting “Report a road problem” on the opening page of the website. 13/03/16

Footpaths – portfolio vacant

Sparsholt Memorial Hall – Richard Summerfield

On 9th March 2016 the Annual General Meeting and an Ordinary General Meeting took place.

At the AGM Reports were received from The Chair, the Financial Officer and from the School. An Election of Parishioners to serve on the Committee was held as was The Election of Officers. There were no changes apart from E. May, M. Bush and D. Caldwell not standing for re-election. There was no Other Business and no members of the Public were present.

At the OGM the Executive Committee Report (RJS) covered a number of topics:

- The Caretaker needs a further appraisal
- The School needs to improve on putting things away and to review BINS.
- The Treasurer's Financial Update was received and appeared most optimistic
- Maintenance issues remain i.e. Hessian Boards, Windows, Moss, Signage
- Other outstanding matters: Piano, Phone Box, H and S, Benches, Curtains

Otherwise all going well just the usual problems.

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Sparsholt School

The school will be doing their part towards the village clean up by incorporating it into their Sports Relief Week activities. There will be a competition between the classes - Who can pick up the most litter?

The school choir did an excellent job singing at St. Stephens on Mother's Day morning. They will be having their spring concert on the 22nd March at 2.15.

The summer after school clubs start after Easter, which will mean that pick up times will be more staggered over the summer months.

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