

HIGHWAYS – CLLR WOOLLES

Nothing to report

MEMORIAL HALL – CLLR ANNESLEY

The Hall remains closed except to the school which is using it pretty much as before but not cooking on the premises. They merely keep the food warm in the kitchen but it is cooked off site.

It is not expected that the Hall will reopen until the New Year

PLAYGROUND – CLLR WAKEFIELD

The playground reopened in July, and we have a team of volunteers disinfecting it regularly. This seems to be working well. Two of them have confirmed that they are willing to carry on, and believe that they will be able to cover the three times a week programme. Given that there is no end in sight to the virus, we might consider whether we change our approach to one of 'use this at your own risk', which some other Parish Councils have adopted.

Following a brief hiccup, the bins are being emptied by the Council again, and the volunteers will let me know if there are any more problems.

I will now progress getting the fence repaired/replaced, and more importantly getting the lower gate sorted as it sticks on the asphalt in the open position.

COMMUNICATIONS – CLLR LITTLE

Communications

The first digital newsletter was issued on 4th September bringing together news from the parish council, support group and village calendar with one (growing) distribution list of 174 email addresses. Note: there are 286 households in the Parish. I have made sure all parish councillors are on the list.

Village Cleanup

The Village Cleanup will still go ahead on 26th September with instructions to pick in groups of no more than 6 and if necessary to queue to collect equipment please maintain social distance of two metres to stay within government regulations.

SECURITY – CLLR OSMOND

Farms still on high alert from break-ins to farm buildings and also trespassing /hare coursing...it's that time of year.

FOOTPATHS/OPEN SPACES/CLIMATE CHANGE – CLLR COOPER

Footpaths

- Dog poo bin for Ham Green Car park

I have been in contact with Caroline who has sent a stropopy letter to the responsible person about the lack of progress. Awaiting feedback

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Climate change

- HCC have partnered with the **Greening initiative** a campaign aimed to effect climate change initiatives by public involvement at the community level. So far there are 300 communities involved including Hursley. I have read through all the literature and watched the videos followed up by phone conference with Terena Williams the leader of the campaign based in Petersfield and David Killeen Chair of Hursley PC. There are 8 Phases and the first phase would involve a community wide public meeting and vote on 5 initiatives out of 8, on a scorecard, that we could all sign up to in our daily lives in the village to reduce our individual carbon footprint and thereby the village's footprint. This programme requires near total village support including importantly support from the school and church. We are a small community and public willingness to participate in such a wide ranging programme, bearing in mind there are 7 further, more radical phases to follow is questionable. To get the starter pack and requirements for phase 1 would currently cost £50 reduced from £150 by HCC but to do so implies a commitment to start. My view is that those residents interested in climate change have already implemented many of the initiatives included in Phase 1 and those who have not are due to a general disinterest or belief climate change is a Government responsibility.. Beyond Phase 1 it is difficult to imagine a small community like ourselves being able and willing to fund the required infrastructure changes.

If there is consensus amongst the PC that we should find out more the next step would be to talk to the school and church and make a presentation at the next PC.

HAM GREEN CONSERVATION GROUP – Cllr John Cooper

- The HGC Group have now reverted to working to an organised Winter work schedule (copy attached), still working in safely distanced small groups, to Covid-safe guidelines.
- The Tree Condition Survey has been carried out by Hants Arb and the full report is now with the PC, for consideration and further action (see JC report for details).
- The dual purpose/dog litter bin for the HG car park is still being pursued. It has been approved but, no date for supply has yet been given (see JC report for details).
- The new Village Mapboards, for the Hall car park and for HG, are still on hold pending approval of the grant application – timescale not known.
- We are still awaiting a date from HH/Skanska for the installation of the new tree and rustic bench, won by Cllr Wooles.
- The old rotten bench, by the Interpretation Board on the North side footpath, has become too rotten to use and has now been removed for safety. The new rustic bench (see previous note above) is intended to replace this old bench – I will contact HH/Skanska for an update.
- The Group Constitution has been redrafted and signed, ready for review & approval at the Group AGM (see next note).

PORTFOLIO REPORTS – SEPTEMBER 2020

- Next Group Planning Meeting and AGM was due in April but was postponed and still needs to be re-arranged. The current plan is for a well-spaced group walk-round of HG on the afternoon of Monday 21st September, followed by an open-air Planning Meeting & AGM.

TRANSPORT – CLLR WOOD

Nothing to report