

Clerk's Report Public Services Meeting

February 2020

General info/updates:

MSDC reports: I have reported a broken gutter, a tile off the roof and a blocked disabled loo

Residents' correspondence: circulated

Notice boards: the Council notice boards at the Village Centre and at the Village Shop (old post office) are both in need of repair. It is my suggestion that we just purchase a new one for the wall outside the Village Centre and dispense with the one outside the shop as the footfall there is very low

Dors Patch: Margaret and Geoff who have been doing a fantastic job of looking after Dors Patch have informed me that it needs replanting. It is their idea to get a contractor in to pull out all the plants and re-turf. Then add self-seeding wildflowers, crocuses, daffodils etc. This should be done in either the spring or autumn and hopefully will add interest all year round with minimal maintenance needed.

WSCC reports: blocked drains have been reported to Clive and Richard as well as reported on Love West Sussex and the deterioration of the Maypole Road road surface, especially since the heavy rain has also been reported.

New play equipment at John Pears: the consultation was done by MSDC and tenders have now been invited. It is hoped that the work to improve the play equipment at John Pears will be done by the end of summer 2020.

Community Shopping Bus: two of the volunteer drivers stepped down, but they have since been replaced and we are pleased to welcome Rex Judge and Ivan Rooke to the team.

9. Winter Management: After initially reporting that the roads in the Village would not be gritted, West Sussex Highways reverted to the existing routes from previous years.

6. Budget:

105	Public Services							
_	Expenditure	2018/19	Budget 2019/20	Actual to date	comments			
4064	Community transport	£1,400	£2,000	£1,738	Annual invoice			
4200	Street Lighting Mtnce	£1,306	£1,350	£1,327				
4210	Garden & Properties Mtce.	£171	£200	£158				
4211	Civic Amenity Collections	£666	£1000	0				
4212	Snow clearance	0	£250	0				
4230	Dog Bins	£1379	£720	0				
4235	Bus Shelters	£0	£100	0				
4240	Street Furniture	£424	£500	0				
4241	Community equipment	£155	£500	£387				
4250	Street Lighting supply	£496	£550	£560				
4260	War Memorial	£3,278	£150	0				
Sub-total Expenditure		£9,275	£7,320	£4,170			%	spent
							121	

10. Highways: Maypole Road was re-surfaced last year, but there are still outstanding issues and the recent heavy rain has already begun to erode the surface in areas, as already stated, this has been reported.

11. Tennis: the new tennis gates and court access system is still in the pipeline, but there is an issue with the accounting aspect

12. Speed Indicator Device – the SID devices have recently been placed, firstly in Hammerwood Road and then in Maypole Road. We are next due to receive the CLC SID on 2nd March.

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