

WESTON ON THE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Clerk Update – 2nd December 2020 Parish Council Meeting

1. Completion of External Audit of Parish Council Accounts for FY 2019-20

Following completion of additional queries we have received the signed External Auditor Report and Certificate 2019/20 and therefore our audit has been completed for FY 2019/20.

The certificate highlights other matters to draw to the Councils attention but which do not affect the external auditors opinion, explanations for these have been provided to the Finance Advisory Group and will be noted for next years review if required.

I have placed the External Auditor Report and Certificate 2019/20 (Section 3) and the Notice of Conclusion of Annual Audit 2019/20 on the Parish Council website.

2. Playing Field and Spinney Purchase Update

The application form and supporting documentation requesting permission to borrow from the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government has been sent off to Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils.

There has been no further communication with the Parish Council solicitor since sending off our second letter, following its approval at 7th October Parish Council meeting.

It is also confirmed that the requested funds (£2430.00) to cover the costs of the Duchy of Cornwall's solicitor have been transferred to the Parish Council's solicitor.

The Parish Council website has been updated to include confirmation of the agreement by the Parish Council to apply for approval to borrow from the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government. The report to the Council on the playing field and spinney purchase, risk assessment, legal letter and map have also been placed on the website.

3. North Lane/B430 Drain Issues

The Highways Inspector from Oxfordshire County Council confirmed that their drainage team are aware of the flooding at North Lane. Apparently there is a pipework issue in the system and this has been programmed in to be repaired, although he could not provide a definite date for this to be done.

The Inspector met the drainage expert on site and they also looked at the ditch opposite and will jet the blocked gullies again but any further work on the ditch is considered a long term project.

I will keep an eye on this area and discuss it again when I next meet the inspector.

The broken drain covers on B430 have also been programmed to have permanent repairs and one has already been fixed.

4. Parish Council Meeting Dates for 2021

These will be held virtually via Zoom until Government guidance suggests otherwise. Equivalent to being held in the Village Hall the public is very welcome to attend any meeting via Zoom call.

Parish Council meeting dates for 2021: 6th January, 3rd February, 3rd March, 7th April, 5th May, 2nd June, 7th July, 4th August, 1st September, 6th October, 3rd November, 1st December.