

WESTON ON THE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman: Mrs Diane Bohm

Clerk: Mrs Jane Mullane

Parish Clerk Update – 5th May 2021 Parish Council Meeting

1. Standing Orders Paid by Parish Council - April 2021

Payment Date	Payee	Purpose	Total paid
28/04/2021	Clerk – J Mullane	Clerks Pay April 2021	£703.97

2. VAT Return 2020-2021

To confirm I have sent off a VAT claim form for FY 2020-2021 for £921.94. I will confirm when payment to the Council has been received.

3. Internal Audit FY 2020-2021

To confirm I will be sending off the internal audit documents to the auditor for their inspection on Friday 30th April 2021.

4. Purchase of Playing Field and Spinney

With regards to the purchase of the playing field and spinney I have received the legal contracts from our solicitor, Andrew Woods - Spratt Endicott. These have been circulated around the Councillors for reading so they will be ready to be signed if we receive confirmation that we have received the Public Works loan.

The Council received communication from the Ministry Housing, Communities & Local Government regarding our request for approval to borrow on 9th April 2021. They had started assessing our application and requested additional evidence and/or supporting information and/or points of clarification. The information was sent back on 11th April 2021 but there has been no further communication.

5. Highways Inspector Meeting – 29th April 2021

I had a very productive meeting with Chris Grain, our Highways Inspector and requested an update on a number of outstanding issues in the village. He will need to investigate further with other departments and get back to me so I may have a further update for the meeting on the following:

- Knowle Lane drainage issues at rear of lane - works to be programmed (depending on ownership) to jet flush them and lift drain to avoid additional mud blocking it. Also link with landowner regarding clearing ditches (resident to help link with this angle)
- Drainage issues affecting house on Knowle Lane, fronting the B430 – works to be programmed (depending on ownership) as believe the culvert linking drainage ditch under road to main drain is blocked
- North Lane drain blockage adjacent new footpath – to investigate further as this has not been fixed
- Broken drain on B430 due to traffic accident – this has been escalated due to the length of time it has gone unfixed
- Old Police House broken drain – to be investigated as not fixed
- Bletchington Road verge repair – escalated to a technical officer but will enquire if its been scheduled yet
- Unwanted road signs/railings – to go on Fix My Street for removal

The other area OCC are trying to work with Parish Councils on is flood relief works as Parishes are more likely to know who to contact to help to clear ditches.

They have provided a flood plan template which I will progress with Chris and link that into the Emergency Plan work to be undertaken next.

Homeowner guides and homeowner emergency planning information has been provided and will be placed on the website.

Template letters are also part of the pack which provide information for landowners on clearing a particular issue but these can be tweaked to encourage our local landowners to check the state of their ditches to benefit the whole parish and neighbouring catchments, which we have previously discussed undertaking.

OCC will however assist when there is an issue or for example if a landowner does not clear a blockage.