**WESTON ON THE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Parish Clerk Update – 5th August 2020 Parish Council Meeting**

1. **VAT Return**

The Parish Council has submitted a VAT claim for £535.01 for the financial year 2019-2020.

1. **Oxfordshire County Council Highways Meeting**

I met with the Highways Inspector on 23rd July 2020. There are a number of ongoing issues in the village which we are trying to sort through:

* **Old Police House:** 
  + Uneven road surface: main potholes at entrance to lane have been marked up for 28 day repair. Remainder of surface cannot be patched as there is not enough road surface left to patch the holes to. The inspector will refer it to the minor civils team requesting a resurface.
  + Drain structure broken alongside main road causing water to not drain away: to be reported to drain officers.
  + Uneven Path sign blocking visibility exiting the lane: this is to be referred immediately back to sign department as a safety issue.
  + The inspector will liaise with me on the above issues and I will keep the resident in the Old Police House updated to ensure we keep communication lines open.
* **Drains:** 
  + Routine drain maintenance on B430 carried out on 23rd July 2020, will monitor to check if do the whole of B430 as some drains are growing a considerable amount of vegetation.
  + Ben Jonson drain: inspector will chase again
  + North Lane issue: inspector will check with drainage team whether they have fully investigated the problem
  + Drain covers in verge beyond North Lane towards the new housing development knocked off with grass cutting on B430. To be placed on Fix my street.
* **Cycleway 51:** 
  + Maintenance of the cycleway has been passed onto the relevant department in OCC. We will await further information on what the maintenance may consist of but the emphasis by the Council is for cycleway improvements so it is a positive time to be requesting work.
* **Tree maintenance:** 
  + Bletchingdon Road tree by spinney:tree department to be chased by the inspector.
  + B430, opposite North Lane: OCC reportedly advised landowner over issue with tree as not owned by OCC.
* **Oxfordshire County Council Verge Grass Cutting Contract:**
  + I have restarted discussions with OCC about the Parish Council potentially taking the verge cutting on, depending on the quote. The village needs to be remeasured and then we will receive a quote. The contract for this would be signed in time for April 2021.

1. **Ardley United Football Club Update**

I met with Ardley FC again on 22nd July 2020 and we signed the terms of agreement and gave them the confirmation letter from the Council. The club is really excited about making Weston’s playing field its home for the under 12s.

The club would also like to use the ground for pre-season training to get the kids used to playing there, looking at starting on Sunday 2nd August (10-11am). During the winter they will train up at Heyford sports hall.

The season starts on 13th September and people will be in attendance for matches from 9.30-11.30am, every other week. A fixture list will be provided when its available so I can advertise it to Gallosbrook Way residents (if requested), in the Village News and on noticeboards. I will also obtain advertising info for any team spaces (this was not available for the latest Village News and I didn’t want to mention it in case they didn’t sign the agreement).

They have contacted the FA and apparently it is not a requirement that a toilet is provided so for the time being they will not provide one and advise parents of this.

I have written a letter to Gallosbrook Way residents advising them of the football clubs use of the field.

1. **Parish Council Meeting Dates 2021**

The following dates have been booked for Parish Council meetings in 2021:

6th January, 3rd February, 3rd March, 7th April, 5th May, 2nd June, 7th July, 4th August, 1st September, 6th October, 3rd November and 1st December.