

Deputy Clerks Report

MAY 2020

1. GROUNDMAN'S REPORT

04.05.2020 - We called today at the Westclyst Football Pitch and cut sward, applied fertilizer and seed to the pitch. Also, cut the sward at the Bowling Green.

08.05.2020 - We called today at the Bowling Green and cut the Green also carried out scarification of the sward. Called at the Westclyst Football Pitch for inspection of site.

15.05.2020 We called today at the Bowling Green and verti cut the sward and applied treatment for weeds. We applied a weed treatment to the sward at Westclyst Football Pitch.

18.05.2020 - We called today at the Football Pitch and cut the sward, steep banking and boundary line.

19.05.2020 - We called at the Bowling Green today and cut the sward.

22.05.2020- We called today at the Bowling Green and carried out vertical cutting to remove moss from the sward also called at the Westclyst Football Pitch and carried out site inspection.

2. BROADCLYST FOOD BANK

The Clerk and Deputy Clerk, as well as two trustees from the Broadclyst Fund, can now process Food Bank E-referrals for residents of Broadclyst Parish who need a food parcel. One of our amazing volunteers (DBS checked) collect the required number of food parcels. The food parcels are sorted and distributed to the residents by the Clerk and Deputy Clerk. As the weeks go by, the demand for food parcels has steadily increased. The first allocation of food parcels started with 9 families needing help. The week commencing 18th May saw the number of families/residents going up to 15. With the end date of lockdown "unknown" this figure could continue to rise. The leaflet that went out with the Covid-19 Broadsheet, saw an increase in the number of families/residents coming forward asking for help. If you know of anyone struggling with food poverty, please direct them with confidence to the office for help and advice.

3. LAG MEETING UPDATE

David Whelan, Anti-Social Behavior and Community Safety Coordinator has postponed the May's LAG meeting (Local Action Group). This is due to the current COVID-19 pandemic. This will be reviewed in June along with how the meeting can be delivered whilst maintain social distancing.

East & Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership are still looking to support relevant agencies with a £12,500 grant from the OPCC. The grant can be used to deal with the following issues: Community, Violent Crime, Exploitation, Sexual Violence & Domestic Violence & Abuse, Extra-Familiar Youth Risk & Vulnerability, Problem Drink & Drug Use. Please email David Whelan with any questions and potential submissions or any completed grant forms.

4. WILDFLOWER'S

With the lockdown of the country easing slightly, and with the small window of sowing seeds ending, the verges around the village picked out for the wildflower seeds was rotavated and seeds were sowed. The areas designated for wildflowers have been pre-approved by Highways, this was to make sure they would not encroach on any visibility of the Highway. Plandscape, who cuts the wildflower areas, have been informed so they are aware of the seeds growing.

5. EDDC GREEN WASTE COLLECTIONS UPDATE

From EDDC: Green waste collections, with existing customers, are continuing to go well, therefore we are now pleased to announce that we are, as from today, able to take new green waste customers.

Our customer service team will contact those interested customers on their waiting list, wishing to sign up to the green waste service. Our website, the App and Alexa have today been updated, together with social media coverage on Facebook /Twitter and in the weekly resident magazine.

Interested customers can subscribe to green waste collections, by visiting our website <http://www.eastdevon.gov.uk/green> or by calling our Customer Service Centre on 01395 571515.

6. FINANCIAL HARDSHIP:

Broadclyst Parish Council and Broadclyst Fund are now able to refer households that are struggling and need some sort of additional support (other than cash) to the [EDDC Financial Hardship Fund](#); they will then conduct a telephone interview direct with the household to see how they can help them, as well as making sure they are receiving the right benefits etc.

7. PRS & PPI MUSIC LICENCES

The Pavilions hold both a PRS and PPI music license to be able to play and listen to background music. Both licenses are up for renewal in mid-June. With the current situation with the Pavilions being closed, the music license company will back date and refund part of the fee accordingly. The licenses will not be renewed until as such times the Pavilions will re-open to the public. The music company will be in regular contact to assess the situation.

8. PINHOE SCOUT HUT

In February 2019, (Minute ref: 19/24iii) the 1st Pinhoe Scout Group approached Broadclyst Parish Council for a grant towards the cost of "Sound proofing" the hut. This was to reduce the amount of acoustic reverberation generated in the main meeting hall, making it hard to communicate with people. The Community Grant request was accepted and awarded the Pinhoe scout group a total of £1,074.59 from the Parish Community Grant budget and from the Emerging Communities Fund.

This month the Council received an email from Pete Newman (group Scout Leader) thanking Broadclyst Parish Council for the grant which after some delays has now been completed to everyone's satisfaction. "I think folk that use the Hut will be happy at the reduced noise levels – not to mention how much

lighter the room feels. So, on behalf of the Scout Group, I would like to say a huge 'Thank You' for enabling us to get the job done."

This concludes my report to Council.

Natasha Curwood,
Broadclyst Parish Deputy Clerk

22.05.2020