

CLERKS REPORT: SPRING 2022

1. Pavilions

- a. An article to promote the Pavilions as a venue for family occasions and small corporate events (i.e. training days) is to be prepared. Income from casual hire of the function room is needed to support income from sports clubs.
- b. Reusable party tableware is now available for hirers to use FOC with their booking to discourage single-use plastics.
- c. A new control panel has been fitted to the sprinkler system to replace the original one that failed at the end of last summer after 21 years of service. This was funded from the bowls ear-marked reserves.
- d. The football season ended at the beginning of May; it has been a great season with no significant issues with the facilities. We have been delighted to have Cranbrook FC back with us for the 21/22 season; providing Broadclyst FC don't want it, Cranbrook FC has first refusal on the second 'slot' for a senior team on the Saturday afternoon as they respect our facilities and are easy to deal with.
- e. There have been incidents of a small number of teenagers accessing the roof, climbing up via the water tank. We remain concerned for their safety should they fall; despite the way they speak to my staff. We are considering alterations to the space above the water tank to prevent access to the roof.
Recommendation: There will be a cost to this, suggest it will need to come from the buildings maintenance contingency fund as this is unbudgeted use of taxpayers' money. Council to resolve to approve / delegate to the Finance Committee.
Reason: To comply with the council's obligations under Occupiers Liability.
- f. Legionella testing will take place this month.

2. Broadclyst Allotments

There has been no progress on this since my last report, so the earlier report is repeated to refresh memories.

The lease between National Trust (superior landlord) and Broadclyst Parish Council (lease-holder) for the northern field is being prepared for renewal. An on-site meeting with the National Trust on 28.01.22 included an inspection of the northern field and a forward plan to bring vacant plots in the southern field forward for lease to the Parish Council. The Broadclyst Allotment Association has confirmed it does not wish to extend its lease to include any additional plots in the southern field. Completion of the Westclyst allotments is expected to be pursued this spring. The waiting list for Westclyst is over-subscribed; residents could be offered plots once the southern part of the National Trust allotments opposite Cyst Vale Community College are available. This is in line with the current waiting list policy where plots are offered to parish residents before those living outside the parish.

3. **Westclyst**

a. Allotments

A site meeting took place (attended by Cllr Gent and myself) to discuss the completion of the Phase 1 allotments. The landscaper will be finishing the fencing and trimming hedges around the area, finishing the paths and plots, and ensuring a soil depth on the growing beds of at least 300mm. This is to enable the allotments to be handed over to the Parish Council.

b. Street lighting, blocked drains etc.

Residents with issues in the estate should contact Barratts customer care team in the first instance, who will in turn action the repair. Issues reported to the Parish Council have been passed on to the Customer Care Team.

c. Noise pollution from the motorway

Residents in Pinn Court have queried if the sound bund to the south of the site is installed to the specification as they get 'more than expected' noise from the motorway. We are in contact with the developer and the Planning Authority and can facilitate residents' meetings etc., but it remains to be seen if this is a breach of planning or if the bund is not fit for purpose.

4. **Food Bank.**

Need continues, driven less now by immediate urgent response but by the cost-of-living increases, including the increased cost of utilities. The TAFF review group initially met in March and discussed need and considered options for the longer term. The rise in energy prices is likely to have a delayed impact that will not be felt in full before the end of this calendar year, however initial fears are that this will see an unprecedented increase in need for the food bank, even surpassing that which we saw with Covid.

A report will come to council once this piece of work has been concluded.

This concludes my report to Council.

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