

H69/16 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

The income and expenditure report as at 31st March 2016 was presented to Members. Virements and ring fenced amounts were agreed. The lamp column at Acre Close Playing Field needs to be installed as soon as possible.

H70/16 HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS PROJECT LIST

Gas service at hall was undertaken in in May.
PAT Testing ad emergency lighting test will also be done in May.
Football Licence for 2016 – 2018 has been signed. *(Cllr Sparkes declared an interest.*

H71/16 RED PHONE BOX

Estimates have been sourced for the refurbishment of the red phone box and this is a bigger project than originally anticipated. A quotation has been sourced from a company that restores red phone boxes. They collect the phone box and repair it at their workshop and then re-install the phone box when completed. The cost will be in the region of +- £4000. Members proposed that grants are obtained to refurbish the red phone box. Cllr Mrs Falp will look at grant funders.

H72/16 PUBLIC FOOTPATHS

Cllr Short proposed that the public footpaths around Whitnash be publicised to residents especially new residents from various developments. Cllr Margrave will see if he can find anything on the ordnance survey. It may be worth contacting the local Ramblers Association to find out if they have any information. The Clerk will ask the librarians at Whitnash Library if they have any information.
Cllrs Mrs Falp and Short will move this forward.

H73/16 WHITNASH TIMELINE

Mr Clough has suggested a Whitnash TimeLine to display a chronological list of events in Whitnash over the years. Members supported this suggestion in principle, but would like more detailed information.

H74/16 WHITNASH COMMUNITY HALL

Disabled ramp - There is still £500 ring fenced for the disable ramp at the hall. Members proposed that quotations are sourced to carry out this work. Ian Colls has installed the new shelving for document storage at the hall. One of the alarm sensors needs to be replaced.

H75/16 WHITNASH OPEN SPACES

Acre Close:

The Fortress bin was damaged over the weekend between 7th – 9th May 2016. Dave and James Herbert have managed to repair it.

The entrance gate at Acre Close has been damaged. A vehicle was locked in last Friday and the gate was broken in order to exit the field. The Clerk has contacted the company that refurbished the gates a few years ago to see if they can repair it. CCTV footage did not show anything. Propose a bigger sign is put at the entrance to Acre Close.

Gym equipment: The newly installed seated chest press has broken and the cause is due to a manufacturing flaw. Members proposed that the Health and Safety Executive is informed and all other newly installed gym equipment is checked.

Measured Mile track: Cllr Cancilla asked about the path to the Measured Mile track. This will be done. Clerk will contact Paul Clarkson about the sections of the measured mile track that are uneven / hollow.

Drainage Acre Close: Cllr McFadden arranged to meet a contractor at Acre Close regarding the drainage and aeration of the field. He suggested fertilising the area twice a year. Dave Herbert suggested a trench with shale.

Bund – Cllr Mrs Falp met Jon Holmes from Warwick District Council at Acre Close to get advice on how to improve the bund. Mr Holmes made various suggestions regarding the bund and forwarded an illustration of his idea. He suggested dividing the bund into six sections, plant trees and some wild flowers and keep it low maintenance. The schools or local organisations may want to ‘adopt’ a section of the area as a project. In the interim the Groundsman will rake and rotivate the area and get is ready for planting in the autumn. A copy of the suggestions for the area will be sent to all members.

Mr Clough will be advised that the committee is interested in the trees that are available from the Woodland Trust.

Washbourne Playing Field:

The overhanging trees in Washbourne will be cut back.

Millennium Garden:

Members met at the Millennium Garden to decide on ideas to improve the area. It was proposed that a section of the hedge facing the road is cut down to open up the garden as new residents may not be aware the garden is there. An arch was suggested with signage, roses need to be cut back and centre planter needs attention. Wooden arbours could be painted green.

It was proposed that the Co-op or Wolseley are asked to take this on as a project?

Tree preservation orders: Cllr Mrs Falp has the list and there are currently 15 trees in Whitnash with preservation orders. The trees in Whitnash need to be checked to ascertain if any need to be added to the list.

Big Tidy Up – this will take place on Saturday, 18th June 2016.

New planters – costs have increased since ordering the 10 tubs from the grant money. The agreed price of £103.00 each will be honoured, but further supplies beyond these 10 will need to have an increase beyond the price of the thick slat option. It was proposed the precept money is used to buy as many planters as it will cover. The number of tubs on Tachbrook Road from the traffic lights to Ashford Road will be reduced to 3. The new square tubs will accommodate advertising boards.

Notice board in conservation area: We have to apply for planning

permission from Warwick District Council to replace the notice board outside St Margaret's House. The planning fee is £385. Cllr Mrs Falp will follow up with Emma Spandley at WDC Planning department.

H76/16 CORRESPONDENCE

1. A note was received from a resident regarding the replacement of the bench near the Sports and Social Club entrance and also complaining about dog fouling next to the measured mile.
2. Friends of Acre Close are applying for a grant from Community Forum to replace the bench around the oak tree at Acre Close. The committee is in favour of this, but suggest a metal bench which is more robust.
3. Email read about vacant allotment plots at Dobson Lane Community Allotment Association.

H77/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 23rd June 2016 at 7.00 p.m.

Cllr Mrs Falp thanked Members, Groundsman and Staff for their help.

The Chairman requested that letters of thanks be sent to Gill Barker, Ian Colls and Dave Stocks to thank them for the work they do.

Cllr Short proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Mrs Falp.

There being no further business the chairman declared the meeting closed.

SIGNED DATE