

CLERKS REPORT FOR APRIL MEETING

1. Play Area Inspections

I have informed BANES that the quarterly reports for the play area are being received very late. I have received a response from Rob Brooke, Parks and Open Spaces Officer saying that they are aware of a problem with the reports being sent out late and said that this is due to problems they are having with their IT. They are hoping in the future to send these reports electronically once they resolve the problems.

I have also reported to Wessex Water the overhanging vegetation from their land into the Play area. I was telephoned by Alison Wyatt, Estates Officer today that an inspection will take place over the next couple of weeks and the work carried out. I have been told to chase them within the month if this does not happen.

2. PAYE

With effect from 6 April all Parish Councils have to pay employees using the PAYE system. Therefore I have registered on the HMRC website and am waiting to receive a pack to explain what needs to be done. All future payments to the Clerk will be paid by BACS and payslips produced. Expenses will still be paid on a monthly basis via cheque as these are not taxable.

3. Defibrillator

I have been informed by Setter and Lee that the cover to the light above the Defibrillator is missing. It is important that this is rectified so they have sent me an invoice for a replacement and once we have paid this they will organise a replacement.

4. CLOSURE OF BRISTOL ROAD

I have been informed by Bristol Water that essential work needs to be carried out on the main water main which runs along Bristol Road. It was debated whether or not to Close the whole road for the duration of the works which was anticipated to be 4 weeks, however, after consulting with BANES, they have informed me that the road will not be closed but three way traffic lights will be in use on the junction of Walley Court Road and Bristol Road. Notices and signs will be displayed 2 weeks before the work is carried out which is due to be around beginning of May. All local residents and businesses which will be affected by interruptions to their water supply will be informed by letter which will be hand delivered.

5. DOG FOULING

I have informed the Dog Warden of the dog fouling along the Old Radfords Footpath – she is going to investigate and come back to me with her findings.

6. LOCAL ELECTIONS

We have Five nominations which have been accepted by BANES and are now on the Parish Noticeboard. Once the Local Elections have taken place on 5 May, an AGM will be held on a date to be agreed in May where the new Parish Council will be formed and the Chair and Vice-Chair will be chosen. Following this meeting will be the Ordinary Meeting. We therefore will have four vacancies which will be advertised following the AGM. If we receive only four nominations then we will be able to co-opt these people onto the Council at our June meeting.