

CLERKS REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2011 MEETING

1. BMX TRACK – ENQUIRY REGARDING GRANTS AVAILALBE:

I contacted BANES Parks Department to ask if we would be able to apply for a grant to help with the construction of the BMX track to be told that at present, because of the current economic climate all grants have been cancelled and none will be available in the foreseeable future.

2. Maintenance:

Council Connect and Highways have been contacted direct to ask if they could clear Pilgrims Way by the Stream after the recent heavy rain which caused the stream to flood and also when appropriate could they rod the pipes to ensure they run smoothly. I also reported the broken kerb stones at Webbs Mead and have been assured that this is on the repair schedule to be sorted out. Several potholes also appeared on Limeburn Hill and the road towards Dundry which I also reported and these potholes were dealt with.

3. SNOWY WEATHER CONDITIONS

A “thank you” has been sent to the Chief Executive of BANES asking him to pass on our gratitude to the Highways Team and Refuse Collection Team for keeping our main roads passable and for collecting our rubbish, recycling and food waste during the recent bad weather in December. Put in replied to say thank you.

4. ALCA

As instructed I have informed ALCA we will not be renewing our membership this year and received an e-mail back saying how sorry they were.

5. Elections

I contacted the Electoral Department at BANES to ask various questions concerning the up and coming elections in May – it was confirmed that ALL councillors will stand down on 5 May and if wanting to re-stand as councillor then they will have to complete nomination forms which will need to be posted to BANES. The nomination forms will be sent to me during March and the posters to advertise the elections should also be received then as well. It was also confirmed if BANES receive more nominations for Councillor than we have places then an election will need to be called.

After 5 May if an election is called or not we will be informed by BANES how many Councillors we have then we will need to call an AGM to elect the Chairman and for the Councillors to form the

Parish Council. If we still have spaces on the Council we can then co-opt applications on to the council as normal in due course. I suggest therefore that it might be appropriate to have the AGM followed by the Ordinary meeting on Wednesday, 11 May 2011 in order to form our Council and get things up and running. Therefore we will not have a meeting on Wednesday, 4 May.