

CLERKS REPORT FOR THE 2 JUNE 2010 MEETING

Item 7 -

Correspondence

Mendip Hills AONB Partnership – In May we received information concerning the Mendip Hills AONB Partnership. We were asked if we could nominate someone to represent the Parish Council and had to send nominations in by 25 May. We contacted Ubley Parish Council to see if they would be willing to represent us but their next meeting is not until 10 June. In the meantime, we have received a Ballot Form asking us to place our vote for two nominees – one from Compton Martin PC and the other from Stowey Sutton. The ballot form needs to be returned no later than 17 June with our nomination.

Reaching Out – A meeting is going to be held in Bishop Sutton on 11 June – we need to let the organisers know by return if we are going to send a representative.

Vacancy for Councillor – This will be dealt with under Item 7.

Item 11

Recreational Areas

Wooden Bridge bottom of Radfords Footpath – I have contacted BANES concerning the bridge and have received the following information from Colin Hudson. *The path has been inspected and considered safe. Some repairs and improvements were also thought necessary/appropriate. The Path Warden is going to install a kissing gate at the (field) end of the bridge and repair or replace the broken rails and also to remove the other stile at the end of the bridge. This will be carried out shortly.*

Bilbie Road Play Area – Slide – After several inspections by BANES Parks Department, and several repairs being carried out including extra repairs to the steps to the slide and the area being fenced off until the work had been completed by our Village Cleaner, the work has now been passed and we are able to pay GB Sport and Leisure for the work and also I have received confirmation that BANES are releasing the Grant money to us.

A letter was received from a child from Bilbie Road who was most put out that when she visited the Play Area there was a lot of rubbish around which she proceeded to pick up – she sent a letter explaining this and asking us not to “Take her for Granted”. I have responded to her letter, thanking her for taking the time to pick up the litter and also to explain that we do have two bins in the play area and these are emptied every fortnight when litter picking also takes place but we cannot inspect the play area every day. I also asked if she could encourage her friends to put their litter in the bins instead of dropping it.

Item 13

Traffic Calming – Stoke Hill

I reported to BANES the overhanging Lilac tree branches in the garden of Ladymeade are blocking Flashing Sign. Stefan Chiffers telephoned me to say it would be too expensive for BANES to cut back these branches. The owner of Ladymeade (Mrs Cumberlidge) was contacted and the situation explained. Mrs Cumberlidge said she would organise for her gardener to cutback the branches. However, if he was not able to do this then I asked her to let me know and we would arrange for our Village Cleaner to sort this out.

Traffic Calming – Walley Court Road

It appears that vandals have been messing about with the bollards at the new Traffic Calming on Walley Court Road. Several incidents occurred. One was where the screws holding one of the bollards in place had been loosened which meant the bollard was very unstable, this was then fixed by contractors, however, it appeared that the bollard had been fixed the wrong way around. However, after it had been fixed, it was then stolen! BANES were contacted. Stefan Chiffers contacted me to say he had inspected the work and it had been okay, however the other bollard was then tampered with but he has fixed this himself and ordered a new bollard to replace the one stolen.

Bus Stop – Bristol Road

The bus stop post which had broken off was reported to BANES and I was informed that this would be done urgently. However, to date this has still not been replaced and the broken off metal post is still dangerously protruding at the edge of the pavement. This has been reported again and hopefully will be attended to this week.

Caple Lane, Kissing Gate

It was reported that this area was overgrown and impassable – this has been reported to BANES.

Item 14**Village of the Year**

HA King was contacted to clear away the weeds and also ensure the village was tidy for the judging of the Competition. H Kin has confirmed that his team have carried out extensive work in the village during May and wanted to know if this was satisfactory or was more work required.

End of Report