

Clerks Report for Meeting held on 6 October 2010

1. STOKE INN

At the July meeting I was asked to report to BANES, we had been informed someone was living in the caravan which is park in Stoke Inn Car Park – this I did and received an e-mail informing me that the enforcement officer would investigate and get back as quickly as possible. I received a response back on 31 August stating that Enforcement Officer, Phil Miller visited the pub on 24 August and carried out an inspection and spoke to the Landlord. He was informed that the caravan is occasionally used at night for a security guard to look after the premises and the vehicles parked there when the premises are vacant. It is not a permanent fixture or use. The caravan was inspected and Mr Miller reported that it certainly did not show signs of permanent occupancy.

2. FOOTPATHS

I was contacted by Colin Hudson to confirm the work to the footpath between Rock Cottage and Beaumont would be underway shortly and that the adjacent owners had been informed. He expects the work to be completed within the next 6-8 weeks. Colin also confirmed that the steps at CL4/29a (Breach Hill Lane) have now been constructed.

3. Weeds

I contacted Wayne Honey at BANES to find out whether or not the weeds had been sprayed, as requested, in Webbs Mead – he confirmed that they had and he had personally inspected the area and spoken with PJ and said to contact him again next year if and when the problem re-occurs. At the beginning of September, a person from BANES was walking around the village spraying weeds at the side of the road and pavements.

4. New Clerk, Chew Magna

I have been informed the new Clerk of Chew Magna PC is Mrs Donna McClelland who comes from Paulton.

6. Pixash Lane Recycling Centre, Keynsham

The recycling centre is being closed from 11 October for 6 weeks for essential re-surfacing – there is a poster on the noticeboard to inform the public.

7. Litter etc.

There seems to be a lot of litter being left underneath and around the bench by the Village Map – I have asked HAK to keep an eye and keep this area clear. Hugo contacted me early last week to say that Mr Hannah had contacted him because one of his windows overlooking the Quarry Hay Footpath had been smashed and the glass had fallen on to the Footpath – HAK said he would clear this up early the following morning before the parents and children walked along the footpath to school. I have also asked him to check the dog bin as I have noticed plastic bags on the ground near to it and presume it is full!

8. OVERHANGING VEGETATION AND BOLLARDS

I have reported to BANES the fact that the bollard by the stream was not re-installed very securely – I understand that it is now missing. Therefore, I have contacted BANES again to see if they have taken it away and asked when it will be returned.

I have contacted Mrs Hartnell regarding the overhanging trees along the pavement going up Stoke Hill – she confirmed that she still owns the field but was unsure whether or not the trees were on her property – she said she would drive past this week and get back to me.

I have reported the vegetation growing over the road signs and had been informed that this would be sorted out.