



## Clerk Report July 2022

### Verges Phase 2

Email sent. Still Waiting for HCC and DBC responses. C/Cllr/B/Cllr asked for assistance. Email sent 16/6

### Lease

Solicitor still waiting on AHS response.

### Noticeboard

HCC notified of timescales so that they can arrange installation with cycle racks. 50% deposit paid to noticeboard provider.

### CCTV Visit

Head of dept has agreed to visits for remaining Cllrs and Clerk-waiting for them to confirm available dates.

### Green Grant -reminder

Separate agenda point for July with The Denes project

### Defibrillator Sign

Now in correct position.

### The Denes Works

Separate Agenda point.

### Jubilee Tree

Plaque holder has arrived and will be placed in situ asap.

### Parish Magazine Invoices

All now paid.

### Police & Crime Commissioners Speed Indicator Device

HCC have notified clerk that positioning may change to opposite side of the road due to issues with visibility. NMPC are governed by HCC criteria and advice, however they have taken into account the potential future redevelopment of the former Methodist church site.

### Warden Updates

#### Bunkers Play Park

Further vandalism to swing seat. Cllr Lester is now lead on Open Spaces WG and undertook a walkaround with clerk and warden 16/6. W/G will look at optionality around usage/equip upgrades in this area and will prepare a proposal with costings for full council in the future.

Week commencing 27/6 Grass has been cut at the play park-this appears to be on a 6-week schedule with DBC.

B/Cllr has been asked for help with the ongoing issue with litter at Gade Tower. Large recycling bins are not being collected regularly resulting in fly tipping in the vicinity.

Waste bin at The Denes has been damaged and DBC have been asked to replace it.

War memorial- top crumbling. Reported to DBC to take forward.

Warden removed a bag containing bottles of urine from The Denes. Warden asked to contact DBC environmental health dept. should this happen again.

### DBC Planning Updates

New dates circulated to Lead Cllr Planning.

### Training Attended/Attending

Clerk attended SLCC branch officers meeting whilst on leave (as Vice-Chairman SLCC Hertfordshire branch)

Cllrs Roberts & Berkeley attended the HAPTC Finance for Cllrs course. Feedback was that it was quite basic and clerk has offered to host finance training specific to NMPC and also relating to audit and internal control should it be requested.

Clerk has undertaken audit training (in her own time) as she has been auditing other councils on behalf of a HAPTC Internal audit trail.

Clerk attended SLCC Hertfordshire branch meeting Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

Clerk attended HCC Rights of Way Working Group meeting Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022

### Correspondence received (please note that this may not include all items)

- Network House planning consultation update. Clerk had further queries and was able to circulate responses to all Cllrs. Formal planning application not yet submitted.
- Nash House-appeals dismissed. Details of link and appeal letters circulated and links on full agenda.
- Resident wrote to ask for assistance re planning application on Longdean park. NMPC had no objections to the application and notified DBC but DBC refused application citing scale of proposed development. B/Cllr asked to assist by calling in the application, and resident notified.
- HCC requested permission to hold a staff picnic at Bunkers Play Park. Clerk approached the school for permission and school have kindly offered to host in their grounds.

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