



Clerk Report January 2024

DBC Grants and Funding

Now supplied to NMPC. See separate precept agenda item.

Insurance

Claim now settled and funds paid into parish account.

Sign ordered and Ringway instructed.

Warden Updates

See separate playpark report and warden comments.

Christmas Lights

Stage 2 was received but only after intervention by Cllr Cobb (as I was on leave). Our supplier has again experienced short deadlines and increased demands from HCC (Ringway). This will also impact on our quotes for next year as we paid approx. £150 extra to comply with the extra reporting demands from HCC. This issue is being experienced by a huge number of P&TC within Herts as our supplier are one of the main contractors.

Action List Updates

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Training Attended/Attending/CPD

- Dacorum Climate Action Network Event Monday 20th November 2023 Cllr Briggs and Cllr Cobb attended (no charge to NMPC)
- Carbon Literacy Training Tuesday 5th, 12th and 19th December. 10am-12.30pm (no charge to NMPC) Cllr Cobb and Clerk attended. Agenda point in February
- Scribe training- ChatGPT introduction for clerks 14th December (no charge to NMPC) Clerk attended.

Correspondence received (please note that this will not include all items dealt with by the clerk)

- Resident complaint re dog waste, related to DBC and B/Cllr
- Resident complaint re noisy manhole cover not being fixed, reported to C/Cllr and will escalate.
- Repeat complaint regarding removed tree at Mill Close and rewilding. Sent to DBC and resident directed to contact DBC directly (they will not replant as 2 trees have failed on that site). B/Cllr have been asked about rewilding at Mill Close and will add it to the 'no mow' schedule if required by council (separate agenda item)

Business Planning Working Group – Clerk Update Summary Prior to WG meeting 1/11/2023/

updated 19/12/23(see highlighted items)Working document can be located here [business planning WG.xlsx](#)

Activity	Clerk Comments/Actions	Permissions/Comments/costs
Additional rewilding (esp Mill Close area)	Clerk waiting for all areas to be determined by council then RC will be invited to quote. 26/9 DBC emailed for initial comments	There would be no cost to re-wild. To seed with wildflower or turf there would be a cost. (That would be determined by size) January agenda item
Bench / picnic bench for park	19/9 lease finalised and permissions in new lease. Council needs to provide preferred styles for clerk to obtain quotes.	
Bunkers sign refurb		
Gilmor-Blake replanting	26/9 DBC emailed	Concerns re shade on site/ DBC officer to visit
Hedgehog Highways	26/9 DBC Emailed	DBC would like to be involved January agenda item
More benches / picnic benches around the Parish	council to determine locations, then DBC will be contacted.	Benches to purchase and install would be £800 for a bench and £1200 for a picnic bench (inc of installation)
New bin at the Denes (Jubilee Garden)	council to determine then clerk will request from DBC	bins are around £250 and about £150 to install
Purge of yellow developer signs	clarity required from wg	
Rubbish bin for park	Council to provide preferred designs to enable clerk to obtain quotes.	bins are around £250 and about £150 to install
Trees e.g. where cut down on verges	clarity require from wg	
Nash Mills map (Katherine Harper)	19/9 Clerk has quote for artwork and supplied to WG Lead. Council needs to determine sign design and proposed location for permissions to be obtained.	
Post box at the Denes	B/Cllr investigating	
Improve path/steps opposite Denes to Georgewood	19/9 B/Cllr has taken forward with DBC awaiting response.	Chased B/Cllr 19/12/23
Nature reserve steps	18/9 response received from HMWT, reply sent by clerk, awaiting response	No permissions granted
Parking issues rear of shops	clarity required from wg	
Willows path	clarity required from wg	
Park Run - Bunkers Park	Start your own event (parkrun.com)	DBC will not give permissions-area deemed unsuitable.