



# Clerk Report October 2024

## Budgets 2025/26

Warden & Concurrent Services Grant

#### War memorial and Gardens

Dispute remains ongoing between DBC & developers.

# Parish Magazine

Agenda item for Nov 2024. Due to Cllr commitments the summer edition will instead be an 'autumn 'edition. Council to determine if a winter edition goes out early January with a spring edition in late March or new financial year. Clerk will write to all advertisers to explain delay.

Clerk suggests that a firm deadline for printing and delivery is set for all editions for 2025 onwards. Cllr Roberts is working with Cllr Cobb to assist with edition planning.

#### Defib

Recurrent fault identified again. Zoll have been notified. Currently defib taken off the system and waiting for outcome or loan unit.

### **Georgewood Steps**

Separate agenda item for November. Contractor has obligation to complete works to steps only. DBC will also fund 'spot' repairs and feathering to the trip hazards on the pathway. There is no budget for a complete path resurface. Agenda item will be to look at costs to see if NMPC wish to negotiate with DBC for NMPC to make a contribution from CIL monies if DBC will resurface the entire pathway in future budget years.

#### Warden Updates

Continued issue with fly tipping. Perhaps we can start publicising photos on our social media?

### **Christmas Lights**

Stage 1 licence has been submitted; Electrical test outstanding for completion of stage 2

#### **Practitioners 2025**

Practitioners' Conference 2025 will take place at Chesford Grange Hotel, Kenilworth, Warwickshire on Wednesday 29 & Thursday 30 January 2025, if attending both days cost £565.00 -clerk to check agenda and bring back to council for discussion. This will be the first attendance at the conference in person, although it has always been in the budget.

#### Foodbank

Questions from the Sept meeting raised via email to the treasurer. No response received. Suggest item removed from action list.

# Clerk/ Cllr training/CPD

- CPRE Local Plan training (clerk & Cllr Cobb)
- Clerk attended SLCC quarterly meeting
- Clerk attended Dacorum Clerks quarterly networking meeting.
- Clerk attended HAPTC/ HCC Age Friendly Herts Webinar

## **Further Action List Updates**

• See separate business planning excel sheet business planning WG.xlsx

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

- Complaint about playpark (graffiti and swing damage). Warden addressed graffiti and email sent to resident explaining our inspection procedures and why items are being repaired and not currently being replaced.
- Complaint about playpark (nettles on perimeter by woods)
- Enquiry received about allotments
- Youth council-positive response received from school. Nov agenda item

## Clerk Action List updates (status post Sept meeting)

- CPRE membership purchased
- Purple Guide, membership purchased details sent to 'events wg lead'
- Mailbox-land registry search undertaken and proforma request sent to Royal Mail
- Remembrance service (request from last year) -School choir- KS2 pupils (approx. 120) will attend the remembrance service to perform a song and possibly a reading as well.
- Asset review-additional benches around parish- request is with DBC.
- Flower planters @ The Denes- requested additional planting for spring colour. DBC will undertake this-they prefer to maintain it themselves.

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