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Briefing Note

Estates & Facilities Update

Introduction

This briefing note updates Members on the management of the Parish Council's estates and facilities in February 2024.

Hurst Meadows

Completed: -

- The Final Flint Wall repairs have been approved and a works order sent to The Flint Wall Company, start date is to be confirmed.
- The Monday Group have started the installation of the two new benches in Walnut Tree Field and Buckwilly.
- Skylark posters have been installed in Fifteen Acres as agreed.
- The Dog Waste Bin at St George's Green has been moved to the pedestrian gate access point.

Upcoming: -

- *J. Lee trees has been booked in to carry out the sonic tomography tree works in Wilderness wood and Hurst Meadows. Awaiting confirmation that these works have been completed.*

Tree Works

Completed: - No recent activity.

Upcoming: -

- *Tree survey to be carried out in St George's Green, Millennium Garden, South Avenue Recreation Ground, Cemetery, Lower Churchyard, Old BT Exchange, Reeds Lane Recreation Grounds and Court Bushes. We have been unable to make contact with the Tree surveyor, so other companies are being approached.*

Court Bushes

Completed: -

- Following the incident at Court Bushes on Easter Sunday. The building has been secured with boarding.
- Acrows have been installed to secure the ceiling.
- All electric supplies have been turned off to the affected areas and confirmed by MVG electrical.
- The Pre-School is trading as normal.
- CCTV footage of the incident have been copied and sent to the Police.
- The Clerk and Estates & Facilities Manager have met with the Aviva Insurance adjuster on site.
- The Insurance Company has authorised payment of a Surveyor to assess the structure and hopefully agree to the Club Lounge (small room) to be used immediately; and to the Function Room (larger room) being boarded up internally so that the room can be used again as soon as that is completed.
- Four quotes are being obtained for the repair works. One quote has been received, one is expected, two other builders are booked in to view the site shortly. These will need to be approved by MSDC and Aviva.
- The Flood damaged kitchen flooring in the Nursery has been repaired.
- Fire call point tests carried out.

Upcoming: -

- *Repairs to the Function Room to be completed asap.*

Village Centre

Completed: -

- Fire call point tests carried out.
- The Main Hall floor refurbishment works have been completed with positive feedback from users.
- The Main Hall Velux servicing and repairs have been completed.
- The Main Hall Soundsystem has been checked ahead of the Annual Parish Meeting.
- New toilet paper dispensers have been installed in the main toilets.
- All clocks have been changed to the correct time.
- The Defibrillator is faulty and has been returned to the supplier to be reset and repaired under warranty.

Upcoming: -

- *Faulty Kitchen light and broken main hall switch to be repaired on 19th April by MVG Electrical.*

Reeds Lane Recreation Ground

Completed: -

- Invitations to tender for the drainage works at Reeds Lane Recreation Ground have been sent out to 5 contractors to quote.

Upcoming: -

- *Tenders to be returned by 7 May 2024 at 4pm.*

South Avenue Recreation Ground

Completed: -

- 2 x locally grown saplings have been planted with cages and watering snorkels. The three remaining saplings are still to be planted.

Upcoming: -

- *Costings are available for the new avenue of Lime trees along South Avenue, awaiting Hurst Society.*
- *The trampoline in the play area has broken or been broken, every effort has been taken to make it safe until a replacement can be sourced and installed.*

Speed Indicator Device (SID) update

- The SID was placed on Wickham Hill from 12th March to 3rd April 2024.
- 60225 vehicles recorded.
- 36126 vehicles travelling under or on the speed limit.
- 24099 vehicles travelling over the speed limit (40% speeding).
- 2501 vehicles were travelling over 10 mph over the speed limit (4.2% excessively speeding).
- 82.9mph was the top speed recorded.

Other Facilities

Completed: -

- The graffiti has been cleaned in the Pitt lane Disabled/Ladies Toilets ahead of the Easter Weekend.
- The Chapel door has been repaired and the Maintenance officer has started painting.
- The new village sign and old twinning sign have been installed on the Wickham Hill Village Gateway.
- JMR have completed the Chantry Stable works for last year.
- A S106 application has been approved for bike racks in Sayers Common outside the Community Shop. Bike rack to be ordered.

Ongoing: -

- *Costings for installing bollards along the driveway by the War Memorial to prevent vehicles from driving on the grass and causing damage are being investigated.*
- *The Finger Posts have been added to the winter works program, and S106 funding is being secured.*
- *The Village Garden Flagpole servicing and structurally testing is being investigated.*

RECOMMENDATION: The Committee is asked to NOTE the update report.