

AGENDA ITEM 6

Clerk's Report – 15 February 2022

Matters Arising from Meeting held on 18 January 2022

Local Heritage List: No further update

Litter bin and dog waste bin ordered from Tewkesbury Borough Council (TBC), awaiting delivery. Ubico have agreed the proposed site on the verge opposite the allotments entrance. If TBC install the bin, but this will be an additional cost of £100 + VAT.

Play Inspections: No issued raised.

Allotment hedging: No update or third quote received to date.

Sheds: One shed finished, bit of problem with the base of the other one. Contractors will be back today (Friday) to complete other two sheds.

Notice boards: Playing Field finished
Village hall Ok but problem with lock (replacement is being sent)
Church noticeboard is in place and usable but name plate needs fixing (no fixings sent)

Roller: No progress due to COVID.

Planning Decisions/Updates received

1. [Ref 21/00923/FUL Demolish existing single garage and erection of a new garage to the rear. Creation of a access/turning area. - 62 Willow Bank Road Alderton](#) Tewkesbury GL21 8DN: **Application Withdrawn**
2. [21/01121/FUL Proposed replacement flat roof to hipped roof to existing rear extension - 5 St Margarets Drive Alderton](#) GL20 8NY: **PERMIT**

Other Matters for Councillors attention

Playground: Inspection requested. April/May has reduced price of £70.00 plus VAT per play area to inspect up to five items of play equipment on the play area. There is an extra fee of £3.50 plus VAT to inspect each play item over five. If the inspection is required before April, the cost is £250.

Correspondence:

- Gloucestershire County Council – News Updates 09.02.22
- Allotments (Magazine) – Spring edition (hard copy)
- CPRE News and Events
- NALC Events/News
- TBC Schedule of Meetings 09.02.22

- **Government consultation on the Glover Landscapes Review – an opportunity to stop ‘off-roading’ in the Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs)**

You will be aware I am sure that the government is consulting on its response to the Glover landscapes review. I am writing on behalf of the Green Lanes Environment Movement (GLEAM) to draw your attention to the part of the consultation which addresses the problem of recreational motor vehicles (4x4s, quad bikes and motorbikes) driving on green lanes, in particular in the National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Green lanes are either Byways Open to all Traffic (BOATs) or unsealed unclassified roads (UURs). BOATs carry legal rights for motor vehicles. The rights of way on all UURs are unknown.

We know from our work with Parish Councils that ‘off-roading’ on both BOATs and UURs is a serious issue for the local communities affected by it, for non-motorised users and for farmers and landowners. It is also clear that, despite the legal powers available to the Highway Authorities and the National Park Authorities, the current legislative framework for controlling use of recreational motor vehicles on unsealed tracks in the countryside has not stopped the damage which is being done the fabric of either the National Parks or the AONBs. Nor is the current legislation protecting local communities and non-motorised users from public nuisance, sometimes danger.

As you will know the AONBs have no legal powers of their own to stop or control off-roading and are dependent on the Highway Authorities. The latter are reluctant to act because of the costs involved in making Traffic Regulation Orders and the risk of legal challenge by the recreational motoring lobby. Meanwhile cash-strapped Highway Authorities are having to bear the costs of repairing, often re-repairing, green lanes that cannot sustain use by powerful recreational motor vehicles.

We hope that your Parish Council/Meeting or Town Council will want to take part in the consultation and will ask for new legislation which will fully protect all green lanes in the AONBs.

The government’s response to the Glover review and the online consultation on its response are at [Government response to the Landscapes Review - Defra - Citizen Space](#) . The ‘off-roading’ questions are questions 14 to 17.

Yours sincerely

Mike Bartholomew, Chairman