

Clerk Report – May 2020

(To be reported to Councillors on Email and Placed on the Website in absence of a meeting)

Bens Lane – There had been a vehicle which was stopping in a nearby property had hit the Bens Lane Bridge, the Clerk reported to Highways for repair. The Clerk continues to chase the work up with Highways.

Play Area – This was closed as part of the Virus operation w/c 23 March until further instruction. The gates were cable tied shut, the grass contractor agreed to cut off and replace the cable ties as they cut them. The Clerk is monitoring that the sign and cable ties remain in place.

Highways Rangers – The Clerk asked them to clear the huge pile of leaves next to the layby where school children wait on the A134 as well as cut back to the edge of the path on the entrance junction of Church Road.

Streetlighting – As per contract they cleaned and inspected lights early April and all okay.

Coronavirus – The Clerk continually sharing and updating information the website and facebook as she received it from official sources as well as any appropriate signage. An action plan and procedure has been agreed by the Council in terms of its own operations. The Council have agreed to not hold meetings until further notice and is agreeing issues they have to consider such as insurance or renewal or policies on email, and the Clerk is keeping a spreadsheet of decisions made in order them to be ratified at the next Council meeting. The Council is no longer obliged to hold the annual meetings until after 7 May 2021.

The Parish Council is the main contact for either those who wish to be volunteers or those who require assistance. The Clerk has a few volunteers come forward able to run errands for those who come forward in Wereham and connect them together. The Clerk has emailed Lily Service run by the BCKLWN to register. Thanks should be given to those volunteers who have identified themselves to the Clerk. To date there has been three people who had been identified or identified themselves but there was no requirement for a volunteer. The Clerk provided advice and support to a couple of residents who were able to arrange their own shopping deliveries with local companies.

Cemetery

The following is the same status a March, but the Clerk has decided to pause on pursuing relatives during this sensitive time of the outbreak and will resume when they believe is the right time.

The Clerk renewed notices on 29 January 2020 again to the memorials in the cemetery that were deemed unsafe in an inspection in 2018 by a qualified contractor. Notices had been replaced routinely since that time. Of the 20 inspected and deemed unsafe and laid down:

- 9 have since been reinstated;
- 2 contact has been possible with next of kin, but not reinstated and contact made again Jan 2020;
- 2 cross memorials continue to be laid down and still no next of kin details;
- 6 continue to be laid down, 3 of which we still have no next of kin details received and 3 which contact details have been found and the Clerk is progressing.

- 1 memorial is believed to have been removed

Stone masons are able to provide payment plans and this is being offered to residents to explore with them where contact is made. This work was put on hold whilst the Virus pertained as considered to be insensitive to pursue.

Online Banking – The online banking is now set up and will be used as soon as possible.

Play Area Matting and Additional Play Area Equipment Funding – The Clerk provided means of consultation with the public on the website; G4 news magazine; facebook and within the village hall. The Clerk will seek costs from the contractors previously contacted for play equipment – a next swing; trim trail, flooring, extra fencing and movement of fencing and movement of the goal post and apply for funding. The Clerk is unable to proceed with any works at this time, but as soon as possible will continue work.