

Cllr Harris Report/Action Plan – June 2022

Communications

1. Website/Facebook

❖ Report:

- Since the last Parish Council meeting, revisions/updates to the website have included:
 - The **Playing Field project**, on both the 'Home' and 'Playing Field' pages
 - The **local Bus Service**, with new links to timetable information (although there remains some doubt as to the accuracy of the information published by Arrow, who run the village's DaRT F315 service)
 - The **opening of new Literary Areas** in local libraries
 - **Section 2 of the Local Plan** finally being found to be sound...
 - Revised **Service times and activities** at St Giles'
 - The village's **Platinum Jubilee celebrations**, in 'Events Past'
- With the demise of the **Maplesteads' WI**, its page on the website has been removed and replaced with one for the village's new ladies social and dining club, the **Maple Leaves**. This page contains information about the new club and its first two presentations, a Boules evening in July and an Auction in August.
- In addition to all the above, *ad hoc* additions to the 'Events' page, including the regular Friday evening social Boules sessions from the beginning of July until the end of August, along with a weekly update of links to the latest **Neighbourhood Watch** newsletter have continued.

❖ Action Plan:

- Regular updating of the website will continue in 2022.
- The Council's Facebook page will continue to carry links to the website when more in-depth information than can sensibly be carried on Facebook needs to be communicated, in order to bring it to the widest possible attention.

2. E-newsletter (Maplestead Magna Carta) [Agenda Item 12]

❖ Action Plan:

- **Issue 45** is scheduled for publication late **w/c 11th July 2022**.
- Editorial content for this issue is suggested to include:
 - Playing Field development project
 - Local Plan – Section 2 news
 - - latest news/updates
 - Planning news
 - Any interesting County/District news
 - Forthcoming events

Footpaths

❖ Report:

- Problems have been encountered in contacting the new contractor to confirm a date for the summer paths cut – we may need a Plan B...
- A number of the paths now have significant overgrowth (e.g. the Slype copse/FP11/FP15/the steps at the bottom of Church Field) which will require remedial action soon if the contractor doesn't deliver.

❖ Action Plan:

- Research possible alternative contractors for the footpath maintenance programme.
- Interim checks and maintenance will continue to be carried out during 2022 on an *ad hoc* basis to monitor path conditions/rectify problems.