

Cllr Harris Report/Action Plan – September 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
 - Adding a full '**Maple Leaves' programme** to the end of the year
 - The **ECC Cost of Living Support for Residents** initiative, in 'News'
 - The latest updates and new consultation on the **National Grid – Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement** proposal, also in 'News'
- In addition to the above, *ad hoc* updates mean the 'Events' page now carries information through to the end of October and the weekly **Neighbourhood Watch** newsletter updates have also continued.
- Facebook, along with a WhatsApp link, has been effectively employed in keeping residents informed, and getting feedback, about the **Playing Field drainage** and the **Inter-Village Boules Challenge**, which successfully helped promote a well-attended event.
- The Facebook posts recently with the highest reach have, almost inevitably, been those about the Dynes Hall Rd **fly-tipping** and the **over-loaded bottle bank**.

❖ 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 46** is scheduled for publication late **w/c 19th September 2022**.
- Editorial content for this issue is suggested to include:
 - Playing Field development project
 - National Grid Bamford/Twinstead Tee – new consultation update
 - - latest news/updates
 - Boules Challenge report
 - Any interesting County/District news
 - Planning news
 - Launch of Cost of Living Crisis/Community Liaison Group initiative
 - Forthcoming events

Footpaths

❖ Report:

- The new contractor reported problems when attempting the scheduled work and has yet to confirm a date for completion of the summer paths cut – we may still need a Plan B...
- A number of the paths are showing 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.