

Cllr Harris Report/Action Plan – November 2020

Communications

1. Website

❖ Report:

- Legislation set out in the 'Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) Accessibility Regulations 2018' requires Local Councils to ensure their website meets standards set out in the [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines version 2.1](#)
- As part of the legislation compliance, an **Accessibility Statement** has to be published on the website, explaining how accessible it is and what and why parts do not conform to the WCAG standards – exceptions are allowed if it can be shown that the work required to achieve it would impose a [disproportionate burden](#) on the Council within the meaning of the guidelines.
- At its September meeting the Council approved a draft of a proposed statement, so a page with the legally-required information was added to the website prior to the conformity deadline of **23rd September 2020**.

❖ Action Plan:

- Following this meeting, and with the Council's approval, the **Public Information** page (<https://greatmaplesteadpc.co.uk/latest-news/>) will be updated with information about the results of the Mobile Phone Mast consultation and the Council's response to Telefónica and with links to the various government information covering appropriate matters relevant to this application.
- The page will also be linked from Facebook and the **Important Information** box on the **Home** page, to bring it to the widest possible attention (and see below).

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

❖ Report:

- A special edition of the newsletter [**Issue 34**] was published in October 2020 to provide residents with detailed information about Telefónica's application for a proposed Mobile Phone Mast installation on Toldish Hall Road.
- This was also used to support the recent parishioner survey.

❖ Action Plan:

- **Issue 35** is scheduled for publication on **w/c 30th November 2020** (tbc).
- Editorial content for this issue is suggested to include:
 - Mobile Phone Mast survey results
 - Council response to Telefónica
 - Kofali Farm plan & Council response
 - Recap on decisions since last issue
 - Planning updates
 - Forthcoming events
 - Advent Windows
 - Xmas Village Walk

Footpaths

❖ Report:

- Two footpath problems were actioned during September/October:



A fallen tree blocking FP23 (Purls Hill to Hulls Mill) was removed



A dislodged plank on the footbridge in the Slype Copse was securely refitted

- An autumn cut of specified paths was apparently carried out by Mortimers, but at a time they are unable to determine.

❖ **Action Plan:**

- Interim assessments and maintenance will continue to be carried out on an *ad hoc* basis to monitor path conditions/rectify problems.