

Chairman's Report – September 2024

Areas of Responsibility

Footpaths

❖ Report:

- The overgrown nature of two footpaths – FP 23 (Dynes Hall Rd to Hull's Mill) and the access to FP29 (bordering Dynes Hall Rd to the junction with FP20) – were reported during w/c 26th August.
- Clearance to the access of FP29 has been promised by the landowner and will be checked w/c 9th September for compliance

❖ Action Plan:

- Clearance of the lower section of FP23 will be undertaken w/c 9th September.
- Monitoring checks continue on FPs11 & 15 to determine when action needed.

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Communications

1. Website/Facebook

❖ Report:

- Since the last meeting the **Home** page has been updated with a link to the **Local Bus Service** page, which now has details of **Central Connect's** service trial and how to book journeys.
- The **News** page has also been updated with information and details about:
 - **Transport Strategy Consultation** – a link and reminder of the deadline
- Links to the **Maplestead Magna Carta** continue to be posted on both the **Council** and **Maplestead Mates** Facebook pages, for widest local coverage.
- The Council's Facebook page was used to keep people advised of the rapidly-developing saga of the **DaRT 3** bus changes at the end of July – and now the refund requests – the news and a report on the **EVotY BBQ** and the **Local Plan** and **Quiet Lane** consultations – all this information was also shared on Maplestead Mates for the widest possible coverage.

❖ Action Plan:

- Subject to Council approval, **GMPC's** full response to the recent **Local Plan Consultation** will be posted on the website's **News** page (a summary of this response will also be included in Parish News and MMC).
- The Facebook page will continue to share relevant posts with Maplestead Mates in order for its information to reach the widest possible local audience.

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

❖ Action Plan:

- **Issue 58** is scheduled for publication **w/c 16th September 2024** (tbc).
- Editorial content for this issue is suggested to include:
 - EVotY BBQ celebration
 - Bus info (+fare refunds)
 - Local Plan response summary
 - Toldishall Quiet Lane consultation
 - Transport Plan consultation
 - Car Park/Wig-Wags - update
 - Planning News?
 - Forthcoming events
- Links to an online version will also be published on the **Council & Maplestead Mates** Facebook pages