

Clerks Report June 2020

We have now received the sum of £9442.98 by way of S106 monies from Breckland and as previously agreed these funds have been used, along with budgeted funds to cover the costs of the MUGA. When the budget was agreed we obviously was unsure as to whether the S106 application would be favourable. Now funds have been used we can set aside £1620.98 of budgeted funds for 2020/2021 to support with costs for the next phase. Therefore, as per the approved budget I will arrange for this sum to be transferred to the Youth and Lighting account.

The caretaker Liz has confirmed that 2 pieces of the gym equipment at the play area may need some repair work. She has reported they seem to be stiff and are quite noisy. This may well be due to lack of use but I contacted Caloo to provide a quote for them to visit, inspect and to carry out any minor repairs. They have quoted a cost of £395.00 plus VAT. Obviously this is a large sum of money and therefore I liaised with Councillor Jennings regarding the equipment as he has some knowledge of the maintenance and small repairs. Councillor Jennings has agreed to meet with Liz and inspect the equipment before I consider next steps. Obviously if there is a repair required to meet Health and Safety requirements, I will arrange for the Caloo visit. I will await Councillor Jennings update before I proceed but am conscious it may not be too long before the play area is allowed to be in use again. Liz has also confirmed the weeds around the play equipment are starting to take hold again but it's noted Councillor Jennings will assist with the use of weed killer as discussed at last month's meeting. I will liaise directly with Councillor Jennings on both these matters and report back at the next meeting.

The SAM II was kindly moved by Councillor Hayton to the road near Kingfisher Drive and I will arrange to collect some data from this as soon as possible. Councillor Hayton also kindly trimmed back some overgrowth at the site to maximise the readings on the SAM II.

Jo Boxall our internal auditor has completed her audit, including overviewing the NRCC accounts. She has confirmed that most findings were historic and that she is impressed by the improvements and financial record keeping. Thereafter completing all paperwork and agreeing the Council has complied with its responsibilities. There are two or three minor points which she has made note of and these will be implemented immediately.

At the May meeting a member of the public discussed an App called 'what3words' and it was deemed a good idea to investigate this further, I have since done so and will place some information regarding this on the website within the next few days.

The purchase of the telephone kiosk is being discussed as an agenda item in this meeting however, in the meantime I have drafted an article that will be printed in Link this June. Within this piece I have asked the Necton residents for suggestions for future use and indeed, if any residents wish to volunteer with the initial improvements required to the kiosk such as the re-painting.

I have also completed the Annual Report for 2019/2020 which I will send to everyone prior to uploading onto the PC website.