

# Clerks Report March 2021

Liz our caretaker has now secured another position and so her last working day will be the 18<sup>th</sup> March, Various jobs she undertakes will be covered in the short term by the remaining staff but volunteers may be needed to support with litter picking and bin emptying. I will be asking in the Link if anyone can support with litter picking, noting we are still under Covid restrictions and I may need Councillors to support with this as well. I will re-advertise the position to ensure we have sufficient applicants to consider as a replacement for Liz. Whilst we have had some interest it would be beneficial to consider a number of people and, now we have a road map out of lockdown we should be in a position to conduct interviews soon as a face-to-face interviews are allowed as this would be preferred.

The sink hole that has appeared in the main car park has been reported to NCC. Although this is own private land this has appeared to have formed over a soakaway that was installed by NCC. I have chased the issue with NCC and I have been informed they are investigating and will update as soon as possible. Naturally, I will monitor and chase at regular intervals if required.

The signage for the MUGA and outdoor gym equipment has been produced and Liz will be updating the equipment as required in the Inspection report. This will ensure all the equipment is now compliant and meets all regulations. This will leave one or two minor points in the report to address, noting these are all classed as low risk findings.

The Clerk has been copied into various emails that have been sent by residents in School Road that have been affected by flooding. These emails have been sent to George Freeman MP and the Diocese of the Church of England as the emails refer to the field that they own. There is no specific action for the PC as we have only been copied in but I can confirm the residents are asking that the Diocese, as land owners investigate the drainage that is on the field as this could be the cause of some of the issues being faced by residents nearby.

This is the last month of the financial year and so over the next few weeks the year end accounts will be completed. VAT reclaims are all up to date and all invoices are paid. Therefore, at the next meeting I will be in a position to confirm the finalised income and expenditure for the year. I will also arrange a suitable date for the internal auditor to undertake her review.