

MATTERS ARISING UPDATE – February 2013

Merton Green

Councillor Cousins to report.

School Lane & Caerwent Village Traffic Enhancement Scheme

Works planned to start w/c 11th February.

Circular Walk

Councillor Counsell to report.

Caerwent Playing Fields Trees

Clerk chased up.

Time Team Field

Written to Cadw twice – no reply.

Cwrt Morgan Adoption

Councillor Evans to report.

Provision of Allotments

Clerk had provided to the MoD details of required allotment site size.

Provision of Dog Friendly Stiles

Councillors Councillor/Lewis to report.

Dog Waste Bins

Chairman/Councillor Cousins to report on possible bins at Merton Green. Clerk received further complaint from resident on Canon Lane re fouling there and enquiring if a bin could be provided – passed complaint over to PCSO for him to monitor.

Proposed re-instatement of Village Pumps

Councillor Counsell has applied for “Bringing Your Village Alive” grant.

Best Kept Village Signage, Llanfair Discoed

Councillor Vosloo to report.

Flooding, Crick Property

MoD have attended to clear out pipes on the MoD land.

Police Navigation – Five Lanes

Councillor Lewis to report.

Code of Conduct Training

Will take place on Wednesday 27th February 7.00 p.m. in the Burton Homes Hall.

Caerwent Village Hall/Playing Fields Rent Increase/Insurance

Estates have confirmed that there is a conveyance that states that the land was transferred to the rural and district Council of Chepstow in 1971. They will confirm that MCC have legal title and enquire if it is registered with the Land Registry.

MCC do have buildings insurance for the premises – they will let us have a copy to view. The premium indicated is £256.77 per annum. They suggest that MCC continue to provide cover for the buildings insurance and invoice the Community Council for this. It is usually the case that MCC can achieve a cheaper insurance quote therefore this may be the best way forward. The Community Council will still remain responsible for all other insurance at the property such as public liability etc.

Estates have contacted Tintern, Shirenewton, St Arvan's and Devauden Village Hall re their rental levels – no replies as yet.

Flooding, Centurions Court

MCC have CCTV'd the public sewer running from Centurions Court into the SPS and all is fine although it is likely further investigatory works will need to be done. Welsh Water attended the Pumping Station w/c 21st January to carry out works.

Queen Elizabeth II Field in Trust

Confirmation from Estates Department that the Community Council should sign the Deed of Dedication document.

Received Deed of Dedication Document for signature. Clerk requested electronic copy from MCC - will circulate when received.

Loss of Caerwent Telephone Lines

Statement from MCC: BT did not make an application for traffic lights in order to complete their works until 7th January and MCC duly gave permission on 8th. BT requested that the required works commence on 4th February. MCC as the Local Authority have a duty to co-ordinate all works on the highway, and do not reasonably stop Public Utilities from undertaking their works, especially where the customer is out of service - the customers need always come first.

Dewstow Road Condition – Brockwells Area

Enforcement action in process. Chairman to report on who will actually pay the bill for the clean up operations. A local resident has engaged the support of David Davies MP, who has written to MCC to check they are being robust in challenging if any breach of regulations has occurred.

Caerwent Toilets

Councillor Counsell to report on any reports from Property Services.

Clerk had contacted three electricians – awaiting quotes re sensor lighting.

Sandy Lane

Reply from Highways MCC that they received an enquiry from local residents on the Caerwent side of the underpass via Councillor Murphy regarding vehicles inappropriately using the Sandy Lane underpass as a short cut from Caerwent to Caldicot – they therefore investigated the history behind the highway layout. There was existing highway signage in place indicating a “No Through Road” at the Caldicot end. Additionally, anecdotal evidence from local residents indicated that there were bollards in place historically, however, these appeared to have been removed over a period of time. Therefore, they replaced the bollards and introduced some additional information signing and as they were returning the lane to its existing historical layout they did not consult with the local communities.