

CLERK'S REPORT – 18th March 2019

Parish Council Matters – Agenda Item 6

Parish Council Elections – I have circulated the election timetable and a Nomination Pack. I have not printed copies of the nomination pack as it is 22 pages long, but can print one for you if you request it. Likewise I can supply a copy of the electoral register if you want one. Alternatively you can just ask me for the Polling District and Electoral Number of the persons nominating and seconding you.

Note that the Nomination Papers must be delivered by hand and bear original signatures. The Parish Councillor Vacancy should ideally be filled by this process, so we need to persuade someone to put themselves forward and be nominated.

I will go through the implications of Purdah at the meeting, but essentially it just requires a little care with anything you publish, like the Parish Newsletter.

Agenda Item 6. GDPR Compliance and Data Privacy Policy – The Data Privacy Policy documents have been previously sent around, and I will send them again. They are only required to be adopted at the meeting, and unless you have a particular interest, I suggest you don't need to spend much time on them. They are produced from the NALC templates, so in a standard form.

E-mail upgrade – It has become apparent that the e-mail system you currently have is rather basic and throwing up problems. David Bewick has a better system on offer which will cost a further £60 for the year (so your annual cost will be £120). We would need this better system to complete the GDPR compliance of linking your e-mails to these policies.

Agenda Item 6 - Equipment and Facilities – Checks by Councillors to report

Agenda Item 6 – Village Playground – Alternative quotations for various works are being sought to obtain best value. It may be possible to agree actions going forward.

Agenda Item 6 – Neighbourhood Watch – The next PCSO meeting at the Wheelwrights is on March 25th at 11:30.

Agenda Item 6 – Phone Box Church Lane / Mill Lane Junction. - A progress report so that an account to Community Empowerment Fund can be made before March 31st is essential, otherwise the grant may have to be returned.

Various items were agreed to be purchased at the previous meeting. If these can or have been purchased an account can be prepared for supporting the grant.

Agenda Item 8 – Proposed re-routing of the National Cycle Route 24 through Monkton

Combe School - Documents have been circulated regarding this and a response from the Parish Council has been made. An update on the current position is needed.

Agenda Item 10 – Correspondence Received -

Rural Transport Update - Proposal: Broadly to create a B&NES Rural Transport Forum consisting of Parish Councils, B&NES, Community Transport and Bus Operators and to work on a joint project to better understand the needs of residents for transport and the best way to meet it using a wide range of solutions (buses/car share/community transport etc) working together in a coordinated way.

Joint Local Transport Plan - The consultation on the Joint Local Transport Plan (JLTP) runs from 6 February through to 20 March, 2019.

Proposed Nature Reserve on Bathampton Meadows

Dates for Future Meetings – Agenda Item 12

Dates for future meetings for the coming year need to be agreed, the following suggestions are made:-

Annual Parish Meeting: Monday April 29th 2019

Annual Parish Council Meeting: May 13th 2019