

## **Annual Parish Meeting – 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

### **Feedback and Notes from Groups**

#### **Environment and Community Notes from APM 29 April 2025.**

Play area - Positive feedback about new play area in Copse Close.

Alcohol License - The police opinion on new Alcohol License application was generally without objection except the view that more alcohol can lead to ASB.

Other objections to the new proposed Budgens were around unsocial times for deliveries and refuse collections.

Parking - There were complaints around increased parking issues since the Bell came under new management.

Bus stop Art project - BVC Head said that they were pleased with the community engagement

Hedge & Tree trimming – issue restricting access on footpaths

Rotten wooden steps and unsafe on footpath through field out towards Swaffham Bulbeck. \*

Lysander Close land – Questions were raised as to who owns land and can something useful be done with it. Historically it was going to be a shop etc. PC explained the owners and the situation and that it was up to them what they did with it at moment.

Issue with rats behind shops (car park area) – Residents by Bradfords Close impacted. PC explained that they need to contact ECDC Environmental Health and PC would also follow up and email. \*

Ox Meadow and Bradens Close non adopted – We were asked who owned the area and was it going to be adopted as issue with parking, weeds etc. PC explained who owned the land and no plans for it to be handed over as we knew so far and also certain specific standards were needed and legal agreements were required. Charlotte Cane MP reiterated that adoption would depend on certain conditions being met including; paving, kerbs, drainage etc need to be up to current highway and district and county council standards.

Footpaths, potholes - Concern was raised about the state of the footpath behind the Cemetery. Individuals were told to report this to highways and explained the website, report it tool and one.network

Anti-social behaviour – PC explained this was really now minimal and EC Police reinforced that their relationship with PC and Bottisham Village College was really

strong. PC explained that BVC has a dedicated officer based weekly at BVC which was a huge help. PC explained that BVC provide a chaperone for the Co-Op. BVC Principle explained how the officer at the school operated and what the chaperone does.

Solar Park – PC explained that the plans had been agreed but the villages proposed changes were accepted and the villages would, if it goes ahead, be renumerated.

Monies – PC explained that yes we do have reasonable funds but these all had to budgeted for, accounted for and we could not spend precept money on cutting hedges, trees etc that belonged to residents. It was not appropriate to discuss where money was accounted for in this meeting but our financials and budget are all visible for public viewing and can be requested to the Clerk.

Duke of Edinburgh Award – BVC explained the students doing DofE would be happy to volunteer on projects and to contact BVC directly.

**\* ACTION \***

Clerk to email ECDC Environmental Health team saying we had complaints and had they too and are they addressing

Clerk to contact landowner and see if they will address and fix and/or replace. It is a public highway

**Highways and Transport - Notes from APM 29 April 2025.**

Speeding – Issue was raised about speeding in the village. The LHI for 20mph was explained and the latest detail of the application and that it will go out for residents consultation.

Stop sign at Missing Sock – PC explained Highways responsibility.

Parking issue around Triangle – Explained not much that PC can actually do. If a car is parked and not moved for considerable amount of days this is an Environmental Health issue and report to ECDC. Police (PCSO) are attending regularly and many tickets have been issued.

Street lights at Swaffham Heath / A1303 crossroads – A highways issue

New Bus timetable – Explained this had not been released yet and when have T4 & T5 routes these will be publicised on our website, community news outlets (social media) and in The Cresset.

Potholes – Explained the criterial and intervention levels for potholes ie size / scale. Once marked then they are on the list to be done. Considerable back log. Report It tool on our website explained.

Stop signs, road markings including white lines and double yellows bad – PC explained they are on Highways list to address. Next priority was Tunbridge Lane and High Street.

No bus stop marking on High Street but there is a Slow sign. Double yellow lines are due to be repainted and we have an LHI requesting new double yellow lines.

### **Planning and Development - Notes from APM 29 April 2025.**

Repeated issue with utility / fibre companies – Explained that both PC and County Council have been working with Gigaclear for example about the issues of the state of the road and pathworks, green space they have impacted and the road closures. Utility companies don't have to formally notify. If a TTRO is exceeded for example they can potentially face a fine.

Bottisham Greenway – explained what it is and where it terminates at Wisbeach Close.

Retirement Village – PC explained 3 years to start building as from application granted. No sale, to our knowledge, has been done. 170 homes with 30% affordable and a play area. PC will hold them to account for this working with ECDC.

New Cemetery – PC explained plans and timescales and compulsory purchase order timeframes for this Autumn have land.

Solar Park – PC explained the situation with the proposed solar park and the grant monies that PC may receive.

Budgens License – explained situation of what license objections were and that PC had agreed to object. Awaiting sub-committee.

Neighbourhood Plan – outlined the residents meeting, slides on the wall for viewing. All on target and currently with consultants for updates. Next for review by ECDC and then out for referendum with residents. ECDC local plan expires 2030 and no new local plan will be done mainly due to unitary authority plans.

Pedestrian Crossings – explained we have none and this was raised in our LHI.