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**Highway Related Issues**

See 'Issues Raised with WBC Report.

**Litter Bins Underbridge Lane**

These are now to be supplied by WBC

**Donations**

**St. John's Church Projects** - 28/06/18 Email sent requesting further information.

The following response was received on 25/07/18.

*Dear Mr Hallam,*

*Further to your e-mail of 28 June I must apologise for the delay in responding to you questions. I have been gathering information about the current status of our plans, and my son's wedding also caused a delay!*

*An outline plan for the improvement to church access was sent to the church architect for comment. He was very supportive and prepared his own plan for us. He has now been asked for a ballpark estimate for the work and we are waiting for this figure. It is therefore difficult to even guess at the cost at this stage, as a Faculty and planning permission will be needed and materials will need to match the church fabric.*

*As part of improving access the cobbled path needs work to "smooth" the undulations. we are awaiting 3 quotes for this work.*

*We have been in contact with the Disability Awareness Group for advice on the plan and any available grant funding, and have also been in contact with the Diocesan Church buildings development officer, and other church advisors for information on various sources of grants. We will continue to explore other sources of grants such as Historic Churches Trust.*

*At present the church's reserves policy has funds earmarked for major projects including;*

*disabled access including work on the cobbled path Priority 1*

*secondary glass in the entrance doors*

*enhance sound system*

*toilet pods in church*

*We have earmarked £30,000 for major projects, which is not a huge sum for work on a Grade 1*

*Listed Building, and thus external grant funding will be needed to supplement our funds.*

*On another subject I have been asked to find out from you who supplied and fitted the gate at the far end of Lady Daresbury walk, and also the cost. As I understand that the Parish Council organised the replacement gate.*

*You will be aware that the church gate leading into the walk has been causing a problem recently. Although it has been fixed by a kind resident, it is becoming obvious that it is too heavy for the supports, and will need replacing with something lighter. Any information which you can send me would be most appreciated.*

*I hope this helps and I will let you know when we get an idea of the cost and timescale for the cobbles and disability access.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*Mary Highmore*

*Treasurer*

*St John's PCC*

**Porch House Farm**

27/06/18 Email with letter attached sent in reply to Mr Priestner's email of the 4<sup>th</sup> June.

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Following several exchanges of emails which have been copied in to councillors, on the 8<sup>th</sup> August Mr Priestner responded to say that he was reserving his position over an official complaint.

### **Banners**

10/06/18 email to Enforcement advising that banners will be removed until planning application submitted and outcome known.

Clerk in process of submitting planning application.

Application submitted and acknowledged 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

14/07/18 Further information requested.

24/08/18 reminder about request for further information.

28/08/18 reminder and original request for further information sent to PAG.

### **Two Acre**

21/04/18 Letters sent to Prof. Broomhead (CEO WBC) and Andy Farrall (Deputy CEO WBC & Exec Director Economic Regeneration, Growth and Environment). 24/04/18 Prof. Broomhead's Assistant Jen Hurst confirmed reply will be dealt with by Andy Farrall.

Nothing yet from Andy Farrall.

28/06/18 Emailed Jen Hurst Exec Assnt to CEO said now over 2 months and nothing back from Andy Farrall.

29/06/18 Andy Farrall's PA to look into where this is up to and provide an update.

03/08/18 Reply received from Colin Walker the Planning Development Manager and forwarded to councillors on 05/08/18.

### **Christmas Tree Junction Whitefield/Hill Cliffe Rd Electricity Supply**

Request for estimate 10/02/18 – Councillor Contact forwarded the following email to Stuart Grundy.

*Good afternoon Stuart,*

*Can you please take a look at the request below regarding a power supply? Can you please contact Ray Hallam to discuss further?*

*Regards,*

*Linda*

*Corporate Services*

13/03/18 – Emailed Stuart requesting an update. 25/04/18 further update requested.

26/04/18 Stuart Grundy's reply copied below;

*Good afternoon Ray,*

*Regarding the proposed Christmas tree on the triangle at the junction of Whitefield Road and Hill Cliffe Road.*

*Unfortunately, it would not be possible to plant a tree in front of the bench as this would be situated within the junction visibility splay to the right, for vehicles exiting Hill Cliffe Road from the south. The visibility splay must meet a 43m view to the right at a distance of 2.4m back from the give way line.*

*If the tree were to be planted behind or where the bench is situated and not encroach the carriageway then it may possible depending on the size of the tree.*

*There are several things that need to be considered should you wish to proceed, in addition to the installation of a supply point,*

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- *As the tree installation is on the Highway you would also require a permit and a licence to plant.*
- *You will need to apply for an MPAN number so that you can pay for the electricity used (details can be provided)*
- *Who will be providing/installing the tree and safety fence*
- *Who will be providing the lights (must be low voltage)*
- *Who will be installing / testing and removing the lighting? If you are using a contractor they must be approved by the authority.*

*Please give me a call if you need any further information or assistance.*

**Kind Regards**

**Stuart Grundy**

**Street Lighting Engineer**

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20/05/18 Requested a costing from Stuart Grundy on electricity supply for tree.

10/06/18 Followed up with further request.

28/06/18 Sent Stuart a further text asking for approx. cost of installing a supply.

### **Broadband Speed**

20/05/18 Advised Mr Potter that his postcode was not included in the Connecting Cheshire's build and that Cllr. Davies was pursuing a contact at BT Openreach.

28/06/18 Requested update from Cllr. Davies. Steph has been in contact with BT Openreach and will advise of outcome.

15/08/18 Full response forwarded to Mr Potter.

17/08/18 Request from Mr Potter asking whether PC could pursue Fibre in Walton.

### **Walton Estate Liaison Group**

25/04/18 Email drafted by Cllr Hardie sent to David Boyer.

No reply to this email.

28/06/18 Followed up saying not yet had a reply.

24/07/18 Following reply received and emailed to councillors.

**Dear Ray**

***Apologies you have not had a response to your earlier email.***

***We have been reviewing the meetings around a series of projects. As you will appreciate there are huge demands of both officers and Councillors with meetings often taking up quite a large proportion of available time. The Liaison Group has done a good job but as part of our HLF funding, we are required to put in place a Partnership Board structured around key delivery partners on site and the day to day operation of the Estate, which includes the Friends of Walton Estate. Consequently it is felt there isn't the requirement for the Walton Hall Liaison Group as***

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*was. However, officers would be more than happy to meet with representatives of Walton Parish Council to update you on Walton Hall & Gardens and address any concerns you have. I would like to take this opportunity to address some of the other specific issues / questions you raise in your email.*

*The Council has committed and delivered a substantial amount of investment in Walton Estate over the last 5 years including: Hall Extension, new toilets, riding school refurbishment, improvements / refurbishment to formal gardens, new adventure golf and games hut, refurbished laundry building and visitor car park, access and drainage works on the golf course as well as a number of others. This investment as well as improving existing well used assets has enabled previously unused buildings to be offered to small businesses to operate from generating additional income.*

*There are currently £3m worth of further improvements underway with respect to the conservatory project with further improvement works being planned. I am surprised you are not seeing evidence of “good usage of the main revenue earners”. I try and attend the Park quite regularly at weekends and like many have been attending recent specific events. Usage of the Hall and Gardens both at these events and also non-event weekends continues to be very high.*

*I also disagree that things are now less well run. You only have to look on trip advisor and comments and ratings to see this is not the view of others and from direct feedback officers receive at the Hall and Gardens.*

*Regarding the golf course I feel the comments about a 9 hole course have been mis understood. Recollection of officers present at the meeting was this concerned some issues of wet conditions in the winter on certain parts of the course. Council Officers and the Golf Pro were looking to ensure there would always been “9 holes on the course to play” in most weather conditions. This is a problem a lot of golf courses face in winter with many being shut for lengthy periods. This was particularly the case over the last winter period.*

*Apologies again for not replying sooner. If you have any more queries please let me know.*

*Regards*

*David*

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**Walton Towpath**

22/06/18 Email sent to Peter Parkinson at Peel which was copied in to all councillors.

18/08/18 No response so far from PP.

**Ray Hallam – Clerk to the Council**