Report to: Ashbury Parish Council

From: Ashbury Parish Council A Team

Date: September 2019

Actions required: To note the contents

The APC A Team met on 16th August welcoming a new member Philip Threadgold (PT)

Cliff D joined part of the meeting to be updated and for discussion on the following:

* **Work required to rebuild/replace current Bus shelter**

1. We confirmed the rotting state, especially at the base, of the bus shelter and that changing conditions over the years of the Rose and Crown car park means there are a number of different levels at base sections of the bus shelter
2. Thus, David Pain (DP) has proposed a new foundation base be built with an oak/wooden frame and oak/other timber for the remainder and sought quotations in support of such a specification

* **Changes to maintenance requirements to the Old Churchyard grass cutting contract**

1. Jonathon Loose (JL) has now met with those volunteers that created and now maintain the wildlife/wildflower area in the Longcot Church graveyard area. This could act as a possible model for planting and management in the closed ‘old’ churchyard in Ashbury.
2. JL to now set up a group/consult with others to generate a way forward plan for what could be possible in Ashbury and whether and how this could reduce the grass cutting requirements and current costs for this work from the APC precept

* **Generating a volunteer input for APC assets maintenance**

1. APC residents to be asked their views via a survey to ‘keep it or bin it’ for a number of the APC assets. The survey is to be circulated with the September newsletter and the subject to form part of the discussion at the APC meeting on sept 16th
2. Philip Threadgold (PT) to lead on ideas, actions and what needs to be in place re any volunteering activity.
3. DP and JL to join him and others and use 16th September meeting to lay out the volunteering elements

* **A Team and Highways role**

1. Having considered the request from Cliff for the A team to take on the Highways role for APC, at this point the A Team declined and reasons provided

**Other Actions**

* 1. I will be writing up the history of the assets from the APC notes as recorded since 1894, as agreed previously and will do so as an Autumn/winter activity and submit directly to APC
  2. Once I have completed all actions related to the notes, (currently stored in boxes in my kitchen, I will with CP explore and gain agreement for a long-term storage solution

I will now be stepping down from the Chair and Lead for the A Team and membership of the group, though will continue with the above as stated.

As the APC Planters Group and then A Team (as we took on a much larger agenda) me DP and JL constructed our own agenda to address and raise issues at that time invisible and not formally addressed via a structured planning and maintenance process re the APC assets. Having now completed this groundwork stage of the work and which the APC now recognises, the next stages of addressing the maintenance requirements are clearer.

It is therefore very timely for this work to be continued by PT, DP and JL and others they bring onboard. The group can be guided by new terms of reference in discussion with APC to meet now defined needs and revised further as this work unfolds. Masses still to do!

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