

Avon Dassett Parish Council

Interim Parish Clerk's Report – 3rd April 2024

Agenda Reference	COMPLETED ACTIONS AND UPDATES
6.	Email to be sent to WCC Highways informing them of the Tree Warden's report and their obligation to remove diseased trees. WCC Highways has acknowledged the request and has forwarded it on to the relevant department.
6.	Formal letter to be sent to the Parish Secretary to establish its plans for St Josephs – an email was sent to the Secretary who forwarded it on to the Priest in Charge. The Priest in Charge has responded confirming that the church remains a church in the Archdiocese of Birmingham and as a consecrated church can only be used for liturgical purposes. Our request will be considered should the church be de-consecrated. The Diocese is aware of the situation; the Priest in Charge will keep us informed of any further developments.
8.2	A no objection response to 24/00331/FUL – Pax Hill House was submitted on 5 th March 2024.
11.1	Both streetlights have been repaired.
11.1	A request for two more Horse and Rider signs has been made. There is only one sign that might become available. We will be contacted if it does become available.
11.1	SDC has confirmed that it will not supply an additional dog poo bin. The Parish Council would have to fund this with an initial cost of £400 + Vat and ongoing disposal costs of £133 + VAT. As the cost has not been budgeted for this will not be progressed at this time.
13.1	<p>Communications strategy – over the last 9 months a significant amount of work has gone into communication within the village, including a questionnaire and focus group to review the Avon Dassett Community and Parish Council websites. This has resulted in closer partnerships between the Community website, Parish Council website and Avon Dassett Facebook page which will benefit the village and wider community in the dissemination of information. The Parish Council would like to thank those volunteers who have put so much effort into getting us to where we are now.</p> <p>Following this work the Parish Council has reviewed its position on developing a Communications Strategy and is of the view that it can only make a decision around its own strategy. A Parish Council Community Engagement Strategy will be presented to the Parish Council for approval at the meeting on 13th May 2024.</p> <p>Planning applications listings on Parish Council website to be revisited. The new website will have a link to the planning portal at Stratford District Council.</p> <p>WALC training course on communication to be undertaken– Cllr Muffitt undertook the course on 7th March 2024.</p>
13.3	The redevelopment of website and issuing of gov.uk email addresses has commenced. The website has been set up and is being reviewed by the Clerk.
15.1	A Mailchimp was sent out asking if residents want to be involved in the organisation of the Annual Parish Meeting and requesting suggested topics. A deadline of 18 th March was given for responses. Only one response was received from a resident wishing to support with the organisation of the meeting. Three organisations asked to attend.
18.3	A Mailchimp publicising the Home Upgrade Grants available was sent out on 5 th March 2024.
18	Councillor Jackson attended the public meeting of The Dassett CofE Primary School on 20 th March 2024.
	OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

6.	STWA to be contacted to ask that laybys be provided rather than traffic lights and that notice be given of road works - Cllr Gill/Clerk
6.	Drains to be marked on a PDF map of the village and sent to WCC Highways to confirm they are on the gulying schedule – Cllr Gill
6.	Quotes for the installation of the playground matting are awaited.
10.3	Provision of religious ceremonies at St Johns for weddings and christenings to be established – Cllr Hirst
11.1	Hedge obscuring the horse sign at the bottom of the village to be cut back – Cllr Gill