

## Benches Project update 11 July 2018 Cllr Andrew Huggins

Pleased to report that the first 3 plastic benches have been installed and are in use around the rec.

They look good and I hope will prove a success.

That is all that is required at this stage, but could we please budget £1100 to replace a further 3 in 2019 as deemed necessary following survey of benches next year, and based on any experience we learn from the initial three.

Now the corner of Huntick estate has been cleared, whilst the bench was removed some time ago, we may wish to consider reinstating a bench there next year?

## Bollards Project update 11 July 2018 Cllr Andrew Huggins

- 1) Is there any update on the layby consideration request for Fosters Spring as this may have a bearing on bollard plans aside that green space?
- 2) I still need to write and provide the Clerk with a "spec" for the bollards installations. However I was in touch with Poole Business Services as the bollards we were looking at are usually mounted 1m tall, whereas existing bollards are 60cm tall. The extra 40cm is quite significant in the overall appearance, and also provides a longer "lever" to prise them out of the ground with. Options would be to dig deeper holes (more labour, may hit roots) or cur posts shorter at the bottom end (more labour). I am considering options for this and will then draw up the spec for quotes.

## Huntick Cycleway Project update 11 July 2018 Cllr Andrew Huggins

No change in current situation that, until we have funding (from CIL from sizeable developments, or a lottery win!) we cannot proceed.

However last week I did email Helen Jackson at DCC Highways on the offchance that they had located a magic money tree or any other source of funding – and also to remind her that we are still keen. I plan to periodically mail her to ensure that it isn't forgotten.

## Rec Ball Court Project update 11 July 2018 Cllr Andrew Huggins

I am seeing another supplier (Miracle Design and Play) on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July, to discuss ideas and sop they can quote. Due to the gradient of the land it is best that prospective companies see it in person.

I have emailed another Co who installed the Upton ball court and I have seen other installations by them, but no response yet. I will try them once more since they are clearly popular, but if still no response I will locate another (there are plenty to choose from).

Tim: Please provide me the email address for contact in the village at Sutcliffe.

## Superfast Broadband Project update 11 July 2018 Cllr Andrew Huggins

At the same time as the July F&GP Meeting, there is a public meeting in the Village hall where we hope to have many of the 80+ households and businesses who are on the Morden and Sturminster Marshall phone exchanges for whom there are no plans for BT superfast (20MB+) Broadband.

Myself and Rob Ward will host the meeting and Wessex Internet will present their installation proposal and costs, and detail what it will cost individuals and businesses.

We drew up Pros and Cons of Wessex vs Openreach which we discussed with Pete Bartlett, and we favour Wessex, although Openreach are still working on a proposal.

It is hoped that many will sign up "on the night" – and those who don't will be given until the end of July. We all want Wessex to move fast – they installation could be complete in 7-8 months if we keep moving, but if we wait for "one more house" we'll never do it. The keys to cheap/free installation are volume of scale – many premises, and better still businesses, in a small area.

To date Wessex have received much interest from the Middle road/ Dolmans Hill area but little or no interest from Castle Farm/Sandy Lane area, but we have leafletted each property and emailed all we can to try to drum up interest.

In short, the "deal" is:

Households get £500 government "Gigabit voucher" but have to pay £100 VAT

Businesses get £3000 government grant but have to pay about £600 VAT unless they are VAT registered.

It typically takes 3 businesses to cover the cost of installations in an area. The £500 per house covers the cost of that house's installation but does not contribute to crossing the fields to reach them.

Wessex only lay fibre underground (I have been to their site and seen their amazing equipment "Mole Plough" and "Ditch Witch"!!!).

Properties have to take a minimum of 100Mbit service for 12 months. With Wessex this is about £45/month. After initial contract period premises can drop down to cheaper tariff if they wish.

Using VoIP, they can choose to dispense with their BT phone line if they wish.

Wessex are currently about to reach Winterbourne Zelston and have permission to cross Charborough Park to reach Lytchett via Peter Dyball's land (we hope) on the west of the village.

Wendy Meaden has provided me valuable land ownership info. In legal work, each landowner they work with costs them £500 so they want to minimise the No of landowners' land that they cross.

I also chased Peter Bartlett in the situation with those on 01202 exchange who are just too far from BT cabinets eg lower Huntick road, lower Wareham Road) – we are overdue a response on the plan for them.

## Mobile Coverage Project update 11 July 2018 Cllr Andrew Huggins

Michael Tomlinson has written to the 4 providers and 2 mast operators. To date we have had responses from O2 who say coverage is of the standard they'd aim for, but they will look to tweak the transmitters covering Lytchett. Vodafone have acknowledged their coverage is not great. EE used a lot of words but didn't actually say much other than that they haven't received complaints, and we haven't heard from Three yet.

I am happy to write an article for the Link on Superfast and Mobile coverage, and also the Landers Reach roundabouts which are scheduled to be done in October.