WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk's report - March 2020

<u>Bowls Club</u>. The outcome of bowls club planning application is likely to be delayed until May. The County Highways team has asked for a transport assessment to be done which the Project Manager is putting in hand.

<u>Car Dyke pest control</u> – the latest report form the pest control advisor indicates that the problem is being brought under control. The grain in the barn that was the source of the problem was due to be transported away by the end of February.

<u>Roof work</u> – Old Pavilion. I've asked Lander and Linsey to remove the moss from the roof and repair damaged tiles as there is evidence of a damp patch and I have also heard noises periodically when in the office.

<u>Free Trees</u>. Cllr Grant managed to get maximum use from the SCDC Free trees offer and obtained 5 specimens which were planted in the cemetery over the weekend by Brownie volunteers – many thanks to them.

<u>More Free Trees</u>? A resident has approached the Council to offer some spare trees she has following a present of a tree donation she cannot make use of. They are 4 each of field maple, hazel and crab apple. The trees are pretty small at present - they have planted them in their garden in order to get them started and I am told they should be robust enough to move by the summer or autumn. I'm liaising with Clirs Grant and P Johnson about this.

<u>Problem trees</u>. A resident of Winfold Road has contacted the Council with concerns about the impact of tree debris on their property and I've asked a couple of Cllrs to give me their views on this.

Age UK warden. Recent recruitment activity was successful and the preferred candidate has accepted the role. All being well, we hope that it won't be long before she is in post.

<u>CAM Metro consultation</u> is now up and running. This is a project being developed by the Combined Authority and includes tunnels running under the city centre. I have a hard copy of the leaflet which I'll pin to the wall should anyone want to see it. The weblink for the consultation is: https://cam.consultationonline.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/119/2020/02/CAM-Consultation-Leaflet-2.pdf

Diary dates:

Thursday 12 March – potential date for Highways Committee to meet - TBC
Saturday 21 March: Toddler Playgroup Mother's Day cake stall on the Village Green
Saturday 4 April: Waterbeach Baptist Church Children's' fun trail around the village
10 – 12 April: the Fair comes to Waterbeach Village Green
May 22 – 24: Waterbeach Colts Beer Festival on the Recreation Ground
Sunday June 28 Waterbeach Dog Show on the Recreation Ground
Monday June 29 – car park project starts

Bank Account Holdings

Cambridge Building Society £82,877.68
Cambridge and Counties Bank £81,235.62
Close Brothers £85,294.80
Unity Trust £34,642.43
CCLA £857,843.21 *
GRAND TOTAL (Banks and Cash) £1,141,893.74

* The Council at its February meeting agreed to transfer £40,000 from the S106 CCLA account into our Unity Trust current account. In the event I reduced the amount to £30,000 as this is sufficient to maintain our current account to the levels required.