

## **CLERK'S REPORT TO COUNCIL – MARCH 2023**

### **Project update:**

Lion Green public toilets - The manufacturing of the building has unfortunately been delayed also as materials were not delivered on time. The groundwork contractors also laid the concrete base in the wrong place and it needs removing and relaying. Unfortunately, it now looks like the completion date for the work will be w/c 15th May.

CCTV Hindhead – the contractor is awaiting delivery of the security boxes, installation is imminent.

Bell Tower repairs – preparation work is underway, awaiting date for repairs to start.

Lion Green football surface – all of the work to make good the areas around the surface is complete. Weather permitting the fencing around the main pitch should be able to come down in the next three or four weeks, although the bund will potentially remain cordoned off to allow the grass seed to take.

### **CIL funds**

Total received to date £161,024.06, with an updated figure of £116,621 due to be paid in April 2023.

Total spent/committed to date £154,539:

Haslemere Tennis Club £5,000

New bin for Town Meadow £539

Hindhead Playing Field Assoc £5,000

Lion Green public toilets £100,000

Haslewey Solar Panels £39,000 (tbc)

Haslemere Bowling Club £5,000

### **Coronation gifts for state school children:**

Primary school age children will be given a 'ruler for a ruler' – a wooden ruler which lists the names and dates of all English monarchs up to and including King Charles III.

Secondary school children at Woolmer Hill will receive a notebook and pen with the King's coronation motif.

The remainder of the budget set by Council will be used towards the purchase and erection of commonwealth flags throughout the town.

### **Parish Online Digital Mapping**

Pippa has recently had training on digital mapping software and we believe that it will help the Council to perform its functions efficiently and effectively. She is currently undertaking a long-term, ongoing, parish wide project to map:

- all the assets on the asset register (to include street furniture, playground equipment, contents and furnishings replicating the asset register);
- all council owned land & buildings to include allotments and green spaces;
- settlement boundaries, green space & green fingers to replicate those in the Neighbourhood Plan;
- outcomes of all play inspections, tree inspections and allotment inspections (this includes adding our own specific layers of data to capture in order to review the inspections and instruct contractors to carry out remedial work); and
- the Council contracts to include grounds maintenance and bin emptying.

It will also assist her and the planning committee members as she can now identify which ward an application is in when sending out the weekly planning list.

There is a multitude of additional data available from Historic England, HM Land Registry, Dept of Transport accident stats (up to 2021), Natural England, Environment Agency.

#### **Standards Matter Conference.**

On 3<sup>rd</sup> March the Clerk attended a conference in London regarding the current standards regime for local government. There was consensus across the delegates that a strengthening of the current sanctions for those in breach of the Code of Conduct could help to drive better conduct across the sector. The Local Government Association and NALC are lobbying Government, with support from some MPS, on this subject. They are also calling for a change in the law to allow remote meetings to be held and a number of other issues pertinent to the sector.

The LGA has also launched a 'Debate not Hate' campaign which aims to raise public awareness of the role of councillors in their communities, encourage healthy debate and improve the responses and support for local politicians facing abuse and intimidation.

<https://www.local.gov.uk/about/campaigns/debate-not-hate>

For the next Council term the Council will be asked to:

1. Take the Civility and Respect pledge:

<https://www.slcc.co.uk/news-publications/civility-respect-pledge/>

2. Consider applying for the Local Council's award scheme:

<https://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-work/local-council-award-scheme>

#### **Local maintenance work:**

Martin has replaced two broken swing seats at Town Meadow and removed the rotten noticeboard from Clements Corner.

