

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT JULY 2020**

Your chairman has been involved with negotiating with the Co-op and Farmcare (Bidwells) in an attempt to clarify property ownerships and responsibility for maintenance and repair. It has become obvious that there are problems related to who manages what which we trust will be rectified shortly via virtual meetings.

Discussions held with the contractor that started to cut the hedge adjacent to the tennis courts and it is expected that completion and reduction of height of this hedge will take place shortly.

Sanctuary Group have been pursued over the cutting of weeds on their land but no guarantee from them has been received that this will happen before they make a start on their development.

GCC highways commissioned repair of the kerbs at Poulton Road triangle but it was relayed to them that the works were not undertaken properly and that a number of kerbs are still loose.

GCC are investigating.

Whilst Councillor Dangerfield will comment on the progress related to footpaths, I can advise that GCC Footpath's Manager has commissioned the placing of permanent way markers across the Airfield. Previous attempts to place markers on stakes were destroyed.

Part of the Neighbourhood Plan involves undertaking a survey of drainage surrounding the village.

I pass thanks to Mr. Andrew Scarth who drafted this document and he and I at his behest walked the locations of the drains noting how much dilapidation has occurred over the years.

This will be the subject of further discussion with the Co-op and Farmcare once the 'ownership' of responsibility has been established.

Coronavirus has caused much unease everywhere and as you are aware our village hub facilities have been shut down. Relaxation of conditions of lockdown has meant that the tennis court could be opened which led to an outcry regarding the MUGA Pitch.

Together with the good offices of Councillor Higson, this facility has been opened up for use. Rules apply in common with other sports related areas.

A number of villages have begun to make and distribute face masks. With an approach to Mrs. Jackie Scuri, we now have volunteers making masks for our residents.

The Government is bringing in legislation to require individuals to wear masks when travelling on public transport or visiting places where numbers of people concentrate. Whilst most people have bought masks there are those that have not, for one reason or another. It should be noted that facemasks deteriorate and will need replacing, so we trust that this project will help those that need them.

Thanks go to those involved as well as the thoughtful people that have been making 'scrubs' and masks for the NHS. What wonderful people?

Cllr Jenkins