

Clerk's Report – April 2024

Website: a reminder to councillors to let me know if they spot any links on the website which do not work, or any out of date information. I am trying to ensure it is as up to date as possible.

Training attended: Clerk networking, Scribe Accounting, Managing time.

A couple of the saplings near the bench at the Reade Road end of the field seem to have disappeared. Quite a number of the wooden supports have become broken or have disappeared. Despite this, some of the saplings seem to be thriving, whilst others haven't fared so well.

A new notice has been put on the pavilion to signpost people to the nearest defibrillator

Cllr Stephens has been shown the procedure for checking the defibrillator if and when we get notification that it may have been deployed.

Water testing has recommenced and will continue until the end of September at least.

The new equipment should be installed this month on the Reade Field.

Despite moving the sign from the accessible gate near Enchantress Cottage, the gate still rattles upon closing. Various methods have so far been tried – some have had temporary success, but all have ultimately failed to solve the problem long term.

The plea to parents to park sensibly and considerately seems now to be a regular feature in The Academy's newsletter to parents.

There appears to be no process for obtaining a review of a planning application – we are informed there would have to be a legal appeal which would cost thousands. An enquiry was made in the light of the approval of The Compasses application.

The Parish Council has received a request for a memorial bench at Holbrook Creek – referred them to Greenwich Estates and, at the suggestion of the Chairman, the boatowners association, who may be able to help.

There is at least one fence panel broken on the fence to the playground and another one about to go. It was reported that a dog kept getting in through the broken fence and there was a child in the playground who was frightened of dogs. The gate to the playground really needs mending or replacing as it doesn't shut properly and is quite flimsy.

A request was received about using the benches on the Reade Field for fitness purposes, i.e. as a step-up type of activity.

A request was made by Holbrook Primary to see if we could help with an issue they have with a neighbour's hedge, but it is believed to be out of the Parish Council's remit to intervene as it is a private hedge and not on the highway.