

## Clerk's Report – September 2024

- Primrose Hill – awaiting an estimate which County Cllr Simon Harley was chasing for closing the highway to carry out the necessary clearance of the path. Once an estimate is received Council can decide whether to go ahead with the work. Cllr Harley indicated that he might contribute to the work if he had sufficient locality funds left.
- A letter of thanks was sent to the young resident who wrote to the Council about litter at Holbrook Creek. Both the child and the parents were happy for her letter to be published in the Parish Papers. The girl was going to ask her headteacher at Holbrook Primary if the school could help with a planned litter pick.
- Chasing funding opportunities for the basketball court repairs. Estimates are attached, as promised. An application for CIL funds has been submitted. Other funding streams are being investigated.
- All the Councils where water testing has been carried out have been contacted to see if they would contribute to the cost of water testing for another year. 3 out of the 4 contacted have responded positively. The 4<sup>th</sup> council has yet to reply. However, the current coordinator doesn't want to continue, so a new coordinator is being sought.
- Response from Community Heartbeat Trust re the defibrillator – attached is a response from the CHT re the process which prompts notification that the defib may have been deployed.
- The cheque for a £100 grant to Stutton & Holbrook First Responders had been refused by their bank as they have changed their operating name. The cheque has been cancelled and a BACs transfer was made to East Anglian Ambulance Service where funds for Stutton & Holbrook First Responders are now being held.
- A street licence application form was completed to put wooden posts on the verge opposite the Primary School. They will proceed with the licence if the Council pays a fee of £160 and confirms
  - (a) the posts will be 1 metre from the highway
  - (b) a street works qualified person will carry out the work.
- VE 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – councils are being encouraged to take the lead to honour this milestone. HPC to consider if it wants to participate in some way?
- Playquip have confirmed that they will see if the accessible gates at the Reade Field could be swapped over to reduce the disturbance to Enchantress Cottage
- There is one fencepost missing from the fence around the children's playground, one half missing and another one is very loose. The safety surface is covered in weeds.
- Babergh have confirmed that the Council can go ahead and co-opt new councillors to the two recent vacancies.
- Cllr King had recently been added as a bank signatory. This has now been removed. Council to consider adding a new signatory. Currently there are 3 signatories – any two of which can authorise cheques and BACs transactions.
- We have a request from a resident of Reade Road to allow access via the large gate at the Reade Road end of the field to someone who is cutting back their hedge. Currently the key I hold doesn't seem to fit the lock, which I am pursuing.