CLERKS REPORT 28/10/26

Policies

There is one policy to re-adopt at this meeting, and that is the GDPR Risk Assessment.

Car Park.

There has been very little assistance from ESC regarding the permanently parked cars having sent through a letter regarding the use of the car park by a company, the response was that the company needed to set up signage etc pre warning that an area of the car park would not be available. I have sent another email requesting assistance to remove the vehicles; this has been copied to Julia also. An email was sent to Cadent stating that they could use the car park if they wished.

Traffic management

A chasing email has been sent to the Highways Engineer, this was regarding the signage at Bramble Corner as this work has not been completed. A chasing email was also sent to the department dealing with the new forecourt design, it is hoped that this will be with us by mid-November. There is one problem, that is the street name sign, it is not in the correct place and the moving of the sign has not been included in the original costings.

No further update has been received from Rebecca Quigg regarding the 30mph

Sizewell C Community Fund

A couple of representatives from the Community Fund will be joining volunteers for a chat at the Bonfire Event. This is to gauge how the new utilities on the recreation ground have assisted when an event takes place.

A resident asked if there is any chance there could be a push tap placed on the recreation ground, this would be the same as the one at Sizewell. It has a bowl at the bottom that the dogs can drink from, but it would mean that walkers, people who needed to water trees etc all have easy access.

Webinar

I have attended two webinars, one related to the National Planning Policy Framework. It was a bit hard going but they suggested that the PC makes itself aware of the document, and the various sections. This document is 126 pages long! The second webinar was led by SALC but had two representatives from the SCC Highways Team. The first part of the session was about gritting, how many vehicles are used, what criteria they use for gritting roads, how much grit is used, etc. The second part was about drainage and the need to keep the gullies clear to prevent the highways flooding. The pipework related to the drains are not always owned by SCC Highways, they may be landowners, Anglian Water, Essex & Suffolk Water etc.

Coffee Mornings

The Rural Coffee Caravan and the Essex and Suffolk Water van will be attending the coffee morning on the 4th November. It had been thought that the Essex & Suffolk Water van would be attending to give further information about the proposed pipeline, but this is not the case. They are hoping to hold some joint parish meetings with those potentially affected by the proposal, but no dates or venue has been provided as yet.

Budget

Please note that the draft budget appears as an item on the agenda. This may be considered ahead of approval at the next meeting. If there are any questions relating to this, please send

me an email and I will do my best to answer you. At the moment I do not have the letter from ESC with the recommendation of what they think the precept request should be.

Advertising Revenue

Email reminders have been sent to 2 companies regarding their outstanding invoices for adverts in the Community News. This totals around £225.

Bonfire Event

I have received a couple of text messages and some emails regarding garden waste for the bonfire.

Website

The new bus link which shows where the nearest bus is, has been added to the website, along with the information regarding surviving winter from the Community Partnership and the road closure link as recommended from Sizewell C.

Solar Park

An email was sent to British Solar Renewables regarding the promised funding; the site has not been energised yet and probably won't be until February 2027.

Elections

Please note that it is Parish Council elections next May. I will forward any paperwork and forms as soon as it becomes available.