



WEST BERGHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

Environment & Highways Report

Meeting held Thursday 12th January 2012 John Lampon Hall

Councillors present David Short, Harry Stone, Sue Day, Jenny Church

Apologies

- 1 **Play equipment**
Repairs have been made according to quotation. The area by the roundabout appears to need attention - quote will be requested. DS
- 2 **Allotments**
Invoices going out for rent for next month. Approx. 3 on waiting list.
- 3 **Lorkin Daniel Field**
Proposal to have gazebo installed - check with Andrew Savage re grant. DS
Fordham village have a gazebo on their village green - need to see what it is like. AS
- 4 **"Snow Patrol"**
We have about 12 residents volunteering for snow clearance. Everything is organised re areas for clearing and equipment required. This seems to be so successful as it has kept the snow away for now.
- 5 **Environment issues**
 - a) Hall Road pond and Queens Head pond have been cleared. Queens Head pond may require dredging in the future. There has been less rain and the pond has become very "sludgy". The duck House will be cleaned - although the ducks seem to have disappeared. DS
 - b) Overhanging hedging in Valley Crescent/Chapel lane has been cleared.
 - c) TPOs. All TPO trees to be surveyed in the spring. All
 - d) Dog fouling. New posters received from CBC. These to be placed at strategic points in the village. SD & JC
- 6 **Parish Council Membership**
Need to consider co-opting a new member. Perhaps a young person can be considered.
- 7 **West Bergholt Games Area. (MUGA)**
Gary has been carrying out maintenance to an excellent standard. The area is being used much more than previously.
- 8 **Car Parking**
There are major concerns with car parking at the Coop, New Church Road and around the school area. This will require more discussion at full PC meeting.

9 **Localism Bill**

This issue was discussed but requires a wider ranging discussion with full Council to reach an understanding of the effects on the environment in particular. Suggest it is made an item on the next PC agenda.

Meeting closed at 6.15pm

Date of next meeting - Thursday 9th February 2012. 5.30pm JL Hall