

Clerks Update January 2017

Fairly short this month due to Christmas:

Staffing

Recruitment for the apprentice groundsman - we have had three good applications which will be taken forward.

Minutes

Actions from last month's minutes not covered elsewhere:-

- I have emailed the Considerate Contractor Scheme re parking on Dragonfly Lane. They will speak with Bovis.
- Sports Clubs have been contacted with the amended proposal regarding hiring a storage container. No response as yet from football or cricket clubs.
- Regarding lighting at the school being on overnight, the Headteacher has responded to say that no one has ever mentioned that the lights may be causing a problem. They are connected to two light sensors so they come on automatically during low light conditions. It was his understanding that as the school is open fronted they are left on to help security of the site.

Facilities

- Flameskill have carried out the six-monthly test of fire alarms – no issues were noted. Some of the bulbs on the outside of the building that were not working were replaced.
- The floor has now been sealed and should remain in good condition for up to five years. That is the end of work caused by the flood (hopefully!).
- We had to get engineers out just before Christmas as there was a problem with the boiler which has now been resolved.

Office

The new website for CPC and TWC is now under construction and a first draft should be available for me to view within a week.

Playgrounds

The second stage application to Veolia for funding has now been submitted. An answer is not expected until March 2017. A new fence for the recreation ground playground has been included within the draft budget.

The Bistro Area

A meeting has been arranged with Councillors for the 11th January to discuss options. We have had two more enquiries about the space this week.

Grounds

- The tractor cab has been repaired and we have paid the excess.
- Grounds maintenance at the school – the Headteacher has reported that CPCs quote is double its current spending. RAAG would be asked to look at this.
- No updates from Kier over the holiday season regarding football field / tree survey.
- Outstanding tree works around the parish will be completed in March.

Finance

- The draft budget and precept are on the agenda for discussion and agreement. A sink fund has been built in, as well as architect and planning costs to explore the possibility of rebuilding the Pavilion.

Bookings

Now that the Christmas break is over, bookings will start to pick up again. We have a few new classes booked including a weekly Thursday night booking at the pavilion and a new regular church on Sunday mornings.

The income spreadsheet showing month on month income is attached.

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4 January 2017.