

Chairman's Report – 5 May 2021

1. Land Behind the Glebe

The BANES Management Team has met and a BANES are now considering a proposed CAT (Community Asset Transfer) of the land to the PC.

Therefore, the argument for a 'no cost' transfer was accepted.

There are a number of processes to go through, which hopefully will result in the land being passed to the PC at zero cost as an Asset Transfer.

2. Website Update

The new website has gone live, and the overall feedback has been very positive.

It is worth noting that the website is:

- Standards compliant meeting legislative requirements
- Using a platform that is maintained, WordPress and Theme upgrades will be automatic.
- Secure – as secure as it can reasonably be.

This is the start of getting the community-based content up to date.

It should be noted that the flexibility of the new environment means that new areas can be added quickly and easily. As the presentation is configurable, this should help support providing the information that people want and presented largely in the way that is wanted.

3. Community Renewable Energy

FLISCA have approved the funding request for £1,500.

Limpley Stoke PC have been approached, and a joint project is to be undertaken. The structure on how the two PCs are to work together needs to be formalised.

Consideration needs to be given to formalising this project in terms of including members of the community.

4. EV Charging

A meeting has been held with the Memorial Hall about the provision of EV Charging points at the Memorial Hall.

It seems that the Memorial Hall were looking into avenues already investigated by the PC, so it makes sense for the 2 bodies to work together, for the Memorial Hall to benefit from the PCs knowledge and contacts.

The Memorial Hall activities will require an upgrade to the electricity cabling, which gives an opportunity to also support EV Charging.

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In summary:

- EV Charging could provide a revenue stream for the Memorial Hall.
- BANES are offering 50% of capital funding and there is a corporation tax capital grant tax saving subsidy on offer.
- There is probably not enough surplus from the solar panels in The Galleries field to support EV Charging.
- The Memorial Hall upgrading their electricity supply provides an opportunity.
- The BWCE/Electric Blue feasibility study results are due shortly.
- The PC is updating BWCE/Electric Blue.

5. Railway Garden

Training of the volunteers has been undertaken by GWR.

FLISCA are providing funding for the provision of a few sessions for the professional gardener, so work on the garden will be able to continue.

As an aside, maintenance repairs are needed to the station sign which is being passed on to GWR.

6. APM

An online Annual Parish Meeting was held on 28th April. A handful of residents attended for an online 'Any Questions'.

A couple of issues were raised, which are being looked into.

It is planned that a face-to-face Parish Meeting will be held when the situation allows.