

Chairman's Report September 2019

Since our last meeting the village green has had replacement posts erected to make the site secure from unwanted parking on the green.

Alfoxton Park – This property is back on the market. SW+T council enforcement officer is to visit the site on the 16th of this month with the current owner to see if the Grade II listed building is being properly maintained after reports from the public that it is falling into disrepair.

Mr Terry Ayres planning appeal for the site opposite the Plough has been successful. The appeals officer reports that any dispute over access is not within his remit.

The Play area on Portway is still locked as is the hard court. Only two comments were received from local people. The lack of interest in this suggests that the play area is not highly valued within the Parish. A reminder of the request for comments will be put in the Holford News and Views again this month. A suggestion regarding installing CCTV cameras has been found to be extremely expensive and is unlikely to be regarded as viable. A Councillor will be tasked with investigating whether the Housing Association is obliged to keep it open and in good repair.

The Parish Council is discussing introducing traffic speed calming measures with road signs warning of children and animals in the road.

The EDF Hinkley planning application to store nuclear waste from outside the area has been refused. The Parish Council sent in an objection to this proposal. This may go to appeal. The request to remove the environmental 'acoustic fish deterrent' has also been opposed by the Parish Council on the basis that if it was thought to be necessary in the original plan why should it now be considered superfluous?

Progress has been made in establishing the legal status of the dog pound and Councillor Coplestone will report on this during the meeting. Maintenance is on-going.

BT is not proposing to remove the phone box near the Plough. There is an opportunity to have an electric vehicle charging point in the village.

There are a number of new national and local policy documents which can be found on the Parish Council website.