



## **Facilities Committee Meeting**

### **Facilities Manager's Report**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025**

#### **FA26 6 WORKSHOP**

With-in the papers are three quotes for improvements to be made to the maintenance workshop. The improvements are needed to provide a warm space for the new maintenance team to take a break and warm up and dry clothing in cold wet, weather. After many months of trying to identify the issue with the extremely high electricity bills last year it was concluded the only reason could be the electric heater. The work proposed will separate off a dedicated and improved break area that will be properly insulated with an electric storage heater. This will improve working conditions for the maintenance team and reduce energy costs. The Facilities Manager will run through this and each quote at the meeting.

#### **FA26 7 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

In May a third member of the Maintenance team has joined us and is currently working through his induction and three months' probationary period.

Preparations are under way to start maintenance of phase 2 at Aston Road. This is another large area that will be coming to us and our maintenance team in the next few weeks.

#### **FA26 8 WOODWAYS PAVILION**

With-in the papers are two quotes for the installation of an outside socket at Woodways. This is to allow safe electrical supply to the visiting food vans and for any other external electrical works. The socket will be padlocked when not in use.

#### **FA26 9 LEVEL WAYS**

The level ways project is gathering pace with various actions. A brief update will be provided by the Cllr Smith.

#### **FA26 10 ST MARY'S CHURCHYARD**

The repairs to the school's boundary wall have been completed to a very high standard. There was some extra expense incurred after the partial collapse of the wall and re-rendering of the adjacent wall.

#### **FA26 11 PONDS**

The bore hole project is coming along with draft plans for the bin store in the Churchyard to support the solar panel which will provide the power for the pump now prepared. The architect is currently consulting with the Church Faculty and planning department to confirm if any permissions are required for the work. A detailed specification for the construction of the store will need to be commissioned.

**FA26 12       TREES**

Various pieces of tree work have been completed. Tree works arising from the last tree survey have been scheduled with Complete Trees.

**FA26 13       FLOODING**

Cllr Truesdale attended a meeting organised by a resident of The Croft, which included an Environment Agency representative Gareth Simpson, Bucks Cllrs Greg Smith and Maru Mormina, as well as other residents impacted by the flooding. The residents explained what they had been through last September and again in March. Mr Simpson was sympathetic and helpful, but it was made clear that maintenance of the river is ultimately it's riparian owners responsibility. Clearly some residents have spent thousands of pounds in clearing up, repairs and replacements; and are generally angry, upset and bewildered by their experience.

Many residents are blaming Redrow Homes, but in truth the situation is more likely to do with climate change and the unprecedented intensity of the Sept and March rainfall events, not helped by old, blocked, and inadequate drains and gullies, some of which discharge into the river. The Local Area Technician (not present) was praised for his helpfulness, but it seems he may be overwhelmed and may need support within Bucks Council to deal with what's needed. As the culverts discharge into the river there is an issue where the stream is silted up and blocking the pipe, and there is no point clearing the culverts without clearing the river as the water will still back up

The Parish Council's offer to map, display, raise awareness, and help to co-ordinate a self-help group was welcomed. Various photos of the river are being labelled for possible display alongside a map, which the Clerk has started and residents are also doing, this needs a joint effort. Mr Simpson would be happy to attend a public open day or similar.

If obvious examples of householder damage or neglect to the stream are identified, the Environment Agency will write to the riparian owner if we can map and provide addresses. Bucks Council do need pushing to carrying out Section 19 review, which would only describe the local context and make recommendations, but would make it clear that Haddenham has a problem. The review could be used to inform LP4B and future planning applications. It was helpful to find there are local residents with an engineering background and relevant expertise which we may be able to draw on.

**FA26 14       PLAYGROUNDS**

The latest quarterly reports are included in the papers.

We have mostly low or medium actions which we are working through and one high action for the trampoline at Woodways, which we were already aware of after picking it up on the weekly inspections. The equipment has been coned off but this is constantly being removed which is proving a challenge.

Replacement parts have been ordered some 6 to 8 weeks ago and we have been promised they are imminent. Wicksteed seem to only have one speed.

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