

**UPDATE NOTES FOR THE BILTON IN AINSTY  
WITH BICKERTON PARISH COUNCIL APRIL 2021**

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**1. Apologies for Absence**

Not applicable

**2. Public Questions and Statements**

None received from Cllrs or Members of the Public

**3. Update Notes March 2021**

The update notes for March 2021 were published on the Website. There have been no comments on the Notes.

**4. Matters Arising from the Update Notes for March 2021**

**4.1 Damaged Highways Surface West End of Main Street Bickerton**

Following discussions with the new Area 6 Management team, it was agreed that a site meeting would be held with the new Maintenance Manager to review the use of the single width highway at the west end of Main Street Bickerton. This section of highway is now used by HGV's and extra large modern tractors which have a wheel span which is wider than the existing single width carriageway. This is breaking up the edges of the highway which causes rapid deterioration of all the highway surface. The new Maintenance Manager has a suggestion to resolve this problem and will discuss them on site (see item 4.2).

**4.2 Flooding Footpath Adjacent to the B1224**

The new Area 6 Maintenance Manager has already inspected this continuing problem and has several solutions to explore. The B1224 road gully, grips in the highway verge and excess run off from the Highfield's paddock are all adding to the volume of water which needs to be dispersed. The extended soak away in the grass verge is overloaded and cannot cope with the volume of water discharged into it. The Maintenance Manager is arranging a site meeting with NYCC's Consultants to discuss alternative schemes/costs to permanently resolve the problem. An invitation will be extended to the Clerk & Chairman to attend the site meeting when a date has been agreed in April/May.

**5. Police Matters**

Crime statistics are available on [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk) (search by post code).

NY Police have not produced any updated statistics since those provided in the July update notes.

**6. Financial Matters**

**6.1 Funds Received:**

- £2,500 Tickled Trout Annual car park rent

- 6.2 Bank Balances at 31.03.21 were:
- Business money management a/c £8,783.55
  - Community a/c £0.00
- 6.3 Invoice Received and to be paid:
- YLCA £207.00 – Annual subscription
  - Clerk's quarterly invoice £1,424.30 (£1,158.90 salary/expenses + £265.40 PAYE)

## **7.0 Planning Matters**

- 7.1 Planning Application Decisions received:
- 2 Westlands Bilton in Ainsty – Construction of single storey lean to extension- **APPROVED**
  - Bilton Cricket Club , Bilton in Ainsty - Demolition of existing cricket pavilion and erection of new cricket pavilion and storage shed **APPROVED**
- 7.2 Planning Appeal notification received:
- None received
- 7.3 Planning Enforcement Notification:
- None received

## **8. PC Administration**

- 8.1 The annual audit document has been received and will be completed and circulated by email. Cllrs will be requested to confirm that the Clerk/RFO and Chair can sign the annual governance statement on their behalf.
- 8.2 The annual accounts, updated Financial Risk Assessment and updated Asset register will be circulated for adoption by all Cllrs.
- 8.3 The completed audit document, with supporting documentation will be supplied to the Internal Auditor for him to complete his work and report on the Parish Council's annual accounts.
- 8.4 The Clerk had a constructive video conference with the new team at the Area 6 Boroughbridge Office. The new Area 6 Manager, Melisa Burnham is keen to listen to the Parish Council and address any areas of concern (see items 4.1 & 2). Following discussions with the new Maintenance Manager John Putsey, progress does appear to be possible, to eliminate long standing issues in the Parish. Whilst funding for maintenance work continues to be restricted, the new team appears willing to use new ideas and is determined to reduce complaints about the performance of their Officers and operatives. The new team has brought with it a new attitude at Area 6 which is most welcome.

## **9. Notice to Councillors**

## **10. Dates for Future monthly Meetings**

Normally 17 May 2021