

Clerks Report on matters ongoing @ 20th February 2024

- **CBC Roof repair costs** —Following continued chasing for communication, information has been received regarding change of personnel and an update is expected prior to town council meeting 20th February 2024 – when received in-depth discussions will be held in closed session as when previously discussed.
- **Composting areas at allotments** —Cllr Stevenson tender specification created, ready for issuing to contractors for quote purposes ONGOING
- **Best Kept Street in Arlesey** – Promotional leaflets and editorials distributed, initial mixed response received. Scouts and Gothic Mede to be approached to share information with their attendees.
- **Lamp post and barrier planters** – planters purchased and received ready to be filled in March and installed. Brownies approached to offer opportunity for their troops to fill the planters with council supplied plants to council specification, as an alternative project than daffodil bulb planting this year.
- **Defibrillators** – New defibrillators installed at the Pharmacy and replacing the old equipment at Council Offices. New notices to be made and project to be publicised on social media platforms and website. No response received from NISA but an alternative suitable host location being sought.
- **Councillor Training** – Cllrs Hooker and Page on a waiting list for New Councillor training – BATPC to confirm when/if another course will be held this financial year.
- **Electric Car Charging points** – Installation work began **24th January 2024** in the MUGA car park and is now completed.
- **Streetlight adoption** — ONGOING meeting confirmed with Jack Bowers of CBC Friday 1st March.
- **CBC Corporate Management Team Meeting** – scheduled for 29th May 2024 at Priory House, a positive opportunity for council to meet with members of CBC and highlight priorities in Arlesey. All Cllrs to respond to email to confirm attendance or absence.
- **Community School Transport** –An initial brief google survey has been compiled and circulated via Town Council social media page Deadline for responses 8th March 2024.
- **Office Health & Safety** —New Clerk chair purchased covered by EMR364- Office Health & Safety. Health and safety audit to be conducted workstations.
- **Queen Elizabeth II commemoration-** ONGOING
- **Arlesey Recreation Ground Play Area equipment** –2 quotations received for new item of equipment to replace damaged rocker egg cup spinner, third awaited prior to council consideration.
- **Budget** –Graphics for website to display areas of spending/efficiencies made over past 5 years to be created and publicised on website ONGOING.
- **Photocopier/scanner/printer** – quotations received on February Agenda for council consideration.
- **Gypsy and Traveller Unit Manager meeting** –Helen Heanes Central Bedfordshire Council's Gypsy and Traveller Unit Manager contacted via email November 2023 to suggest suitable dates – chasing emails sent 11/01/24 and 15/02/2024.

- **Councillor email addresses** – Reminder to all Councillors to regularly check- .gov.uk email addresses.
- **Website** – Work has started to update Information and is ONGOING with additional staff training being undertaken.
- **Eatfeast** – initial reactions to the delivery of Eatfeast events in Arlesey are both positive and supportive.