

Chairs Portfolio Report

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Comment

Chair and Vice Chair of APC met with Chair of CCTC 16.2.26 to discuss the way forward following the Governance Review decision. It was a positive meeting.the Chair of CCTCexpressed interest in the playing field at Maggs Lane with it being the only flat playing field and close to other sport facilities at Ansford Academy. We explained that our vision is to create and extend facilities by making use of existing facilities and creating additional and thanked him for this interest.

We have formally requested a Dog Poo bin at the end of Yeabsley Way by the football field.

Chair and Vice Chair attended a workshop on accreditation scheme for competence awards for parish councils. It was clear that this council is achieving at bronze level and meets several of the criteria at silver and gold(performance management and self evaluation for example).However the workshop failed to explain the benefits for the time involved to make the application.It is our recommendation that we apply for bronze award only.Approximate cost is £100

Chair has asked Councillor Easeman to lead on an Ansford Community Survey that will inform our 3 -5 year Parish Plan. The council will have a workshop in next few weeks to progress a plan that is also linked to our strategic objectives.

Stonewater have shared with us the lack of progress by Somerset Council on the transfer of the LEAP at Mulberry Meadows. We have emailed Councillor Bill Revans (leader of Somerset Council ruling party)to ask for assistance in progressing this matter.

We have a revised design for the play area but it will mean a contribution by the parish council of approximately £7k. This is because the monies agreed for the Leap in 2015 will not cover the provision of the LEAP as envisioned at that time.

We have gone back to CCTC requesting amendments to the newsletter SLA in line with good practice. We have received no response

We have sent a draft joint letter to CCTC regarding concerns about the windfall to Caryford Hall from the sale of land and the paying off of the loans that both parishes took out to pay for the extension at Caryford Hall. CCTC came back with possible amendments which we have gone back and clarified. We have not received a response. This matter needs to be moved on with urgency.

Deborah Duffy,Chair and Vice Chair and we agreed a programme to improve efficiency and increase transparency even more.

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