

Reed Parish Council
Chair's Report July 1st 2020

1. Following our May meeting I have communicated to the Ministry of Communities, Housing & Local Government the council's decision not to, at this time, apply to renew borrowing authority in relation to The Cabinet.
2. On 11th May I wrote to the Environment agency to chase them for a reply to the council's January letter. I duly received a reply on June 4th. Amongst information given was the fact that EA have been waiting since early February, to receive proposals on water extraction from the operator's agent, Savills. I wrote again to EA on June 18th with a number of specific questions raised by their letter of 4th June. Item 17.7.20 of today's agenda refers. Also relating to Wisbridge reservoir, I wrote in May to Sir Oliver Heald to inform him of the situation and request his assistance. Though we've had no direct reply yet, we know that Sir Oliver has raised the matter at both District and County Council levels and has presumably also made enquiries with EA.
3. I wrote to Mrs Addicott and Mrs Hewett to express the council's thanks for their work litter picking, on the occasion of their decision to hang up their pickers.
4. As an action allocated at the last two meetings, I wrote to Mr Sedgwick-Rough on 26th May with a request from the council for clearance of the drainage ditch across the meadows. This we believe contributes to flooding on Hobbs Hayes. The clerk also forwarded a note to Highways asking them to prioritise on their parish works plan clearance of the drains on Brickyard Lane and Hobbs Hayes.
5. I was able to forward on behalf of the Council an application from Reed School for monies from The Kilns 106 Universal Undertaking monies, currently lodged with the County Council, and which include headings for Education and Library . The application relates to the project to build a new school and community library. Councillor Fiona Hill has facilitated the application at County and indicated that initial signs are hopeful
6. Following Mrs Eeles' enquiry about the surfacing of the footpath out of the Kilns onto Brickyard Lane, I have asked again for clarification from Richard Tiffin at NHDC. At time of writing I am still waiting for a reply, but item 15.7.20 relating to Gladstone Villas will be relevant.
7. Finally, thanks to all who have contributed to production of the Newsletter booklet. This has now been distributed and gives parishioners the annual report of the council and those of village organisations and societies, which would normally have been presented at the Annual Village Meeting. Thanks to Edwin Kilby for managing, with our Clerk and Councillor d'Alaya, the design and production.

That completes this report.