

July 2022 Newsletter



Changing Times

It's been an on & off year with some lovely weather & some downpours, angry skies & blue ones & one spectacular sunset seen over much of the country.

The drought continues – new to the UK to hope for rain! If you are able to care for any plants in need of water near your property it would be greatly appreciated e.g. the containers outside the flats by the Ox Shed Café.

We hope that whips the Scout planted in the meadow will grow despite the lack of rain.

As a bonus for us all there will be a splendid blackberry crop – the brambles are bursting with fruit to come.

The Jubilee is now well past, & we hope that some of you were in the lower field to see the Beacon that was lit as part of the chain that covered the length & breadth of the country. It was a time to be proud of being British!!

Thank you to Clare Cormack who organised this with the local Scout groups involved.

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Resident Survey 2022

The Residents' survey was recently completed & showed us quite clearly the issues that you as residents consider to be important.

The Drop In Sessions with coffee held at the Ox Shed have also reinforced the areas where residents would like to see focus.

Allotment Vacancies

Allotments – apparently there are a number of vacant allotments available – if you are interested, the Parish Council are handling this part of the estate.

The Chapel

There is no current news on the Chapel – Homes England are working on the legal issues. The ungainly fences around the Chapel are due to a survey done recently that showed possible problems with falling tiles. We trust they will be removed soon and there will be some progress with the Chapel!

Biodiversity

CMMC and Nurture are working together to be as inclusive as possible on the estate, & we are considered to be doing a good job already in relation to other large developments! Beehives are also being considered, & Nurture would take responsibility for these & their care.



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Balancing the Books

CMMC has to juggle with budgets as we all do. Some projects were held back during Covid & we are now assessing essential large works that need to be done over the coming years, spreading the costs where possible.

Desirable projects will be assessed & actioned when funds are available. Inflation is impacting everything & everyone. We are working to mitigate the increases & balance all CMMC are responsible for to benefit of all of us residents.

Landscape Maintenance

Nurture are continuing to do a good job, & the recent addition of Simon Hall, in charge of communications between the head office & Paul, has seen an improvement in efficiency.

Some of the alleyways & paths we know are in need of attention (i.e. moss) & those that need treatment will be completed in the next few months.

You may have noticed that we have removed all the broken & leaning posts around the Oval in front of the main building – hopefully considerate parking & driving in this area means there will be no need to replace them.



Projects under Discussion

The projects currently under discussion are the feasibility of faster fibre optic Broadband - this being of great importance since many of us now work from home.

We have had initial meetings with various companies who would be willing to do this installation & we will report any progress in due course.

Also the installation of charging points for electric cars is currently being investigated. Again any updates will be reported when the feasibility has been completed.

Contacting CMMC or First Port

You can reach us on Facebook, our Website or via email (see this Newsletter's footer).

If you need to contact First Port, the best way is to send a message from their MyHome portal: www.myhome.firstport.co.uk

New Resident – did you know we have a new Resident Pack? Download a copy from our website.

To report operational or maintenance issues, please contact FirstPort Customer Services (0900 to 1700 M to F) who will log it for action: Tel: 0333 321 4080

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