



## **WEST HOATHLY PARISH COUNCIL**

representing Highbrook, Selsfield, Sharpthorne, Tyes Cross and West Hoathly

### **Asset and Highways Committee Clerks Report January 2021**

#### **Actions taken and other points of information.**

- **Outstanding work on the Handyman's list**
  - Repainting the bollards and external paintwork at the public toilets

- **Community Orchard**

40 Apple, Pear and Plum trees have now been planted in Finche Field. Any remaining sponsorship money will be kept for replacing any failed trees.

The next proposal is the for the purchase of 2 benches to be placed within the Orchard. The Community Orchard are asking for additional donations to fund the purchase.

- **Greenhouse on allotment plot for consideration**

The greenhouse is made of glass and aluminium. The dimensions are 1.92m wide, 2.50m in length and 2.15m at the highest point.

#### **Fencing at Warblers**

Initial work started on the fencing however it was established there is an underground cable approximately 60mm below the surface in the same location as the proposed fence.

Plans were obtained from UKPN.

The advice from UKPN is as follows:

- Be very careful.
- If the cable is exposed during digging, UK Power must be called to assess any damage. This is a potentially less expensive option than installing the fence then finding out later that cable damage requires the removal of the fence to undertake repair.
- Use a "Cat and Genny" to determine the exact location of the cable. (This cable locating device is available from HHS, Crawley –

If the Parish Council still wish to proceed with reinstating the fencing, then the work will need to be completed by a fencing contractor and quotes will need to be obtained.

#### **Cycleway to East Grinstead**

**Letters have been sent to landowners.**

A landowner has requested more information on how the following issues will be mitigated,

- Safety of other woodland users; horses, walkers and runners
- The potential erosion to tracks and other damage to be caused by cyclists on the route plus the potential damage to woodland habitats and tree root systems by those who may stray off the designated route on to sensitive woodland areas.

### **Developer Contributions for Local Infrastructure**

The committee had considered

- to improve the surface of footpath 1WH from the Fox to the junction with the bridleway 43WH
- to improve the tarmac surface from the steps at the Vinols Cross to Finche Field car park

The WSCC PROW officer was contacted for their views (before they left).

The base layer is good so they would suggest reducing that depth to about 125mm and using a 75mm top layer of ecomix or crushed concrete such as type 1 MOT. They have also provided a copy of the WSCC rural footpath specification.

Any changes made to the surface of the PROW must be agreed in advance with WSCC.

Leanne Andrews  
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