

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES**Finance & General Purposes** – No meeting

The Council's insurers, Zurich, had been asked about using volunteers to carry out the treatment of the stocks. Further information they required was rather involved and it was felt the cost of insurance could outweigh the cost of £170 quoted by Chris Chaplin. Acceptance of the quote was proposed by Cllr Marks and seconded by Cllr Tripp. All Councillors agreed Living Wall – The Parish Council had been requested to fund a living wall at the crossroads, however subsequently Cllr Hudson reported the Village Hall had received a donation of £5000, and requested permission to put the living wall along the ragstone wall outside the hall. Cllr Fielding felt that anything that would brighten-up the crossroads was to be welcomed. Councillors agreed in principle to using the ragstone wall but asked Cllr Hudson for more information.

The Chairman referred to a meeting on the 30th January with Crispin Kennard of TMBC to discuss pollution when a living^{wall}/a was raised – report of the meeting attached

Planning – Meeting to follow.

Wateringbury Sports & Recreational Association – There had been a meeting on the 23rd January to discuss any update on the proposals for a new pavilion. Cllr Fielding, Cllr Marks and the Clerk attended as did the Drayhorse Meadow tenant Lesley Monk. One change noted was the pavilion would be moved 4 metres down towards the railway to increase the number of parking spaces. A quote was being sought for a topographical survey which would be paid for by the WSRA.

An opinion on the Lease between the Parish Council and the WSRA had been given. Consent was needed from the Parish Council as landowner to erect any new buildings regardless of any planning consent. The committee were strongly advised to seek their own legal obligations contained within the lease prior to proceeding much further and may be worth agreeing some 'head of terms' with the Parish Council so everyone agreed and understood the obligations on both sides

A further meeting was to be arranged to expand on obtaining grants needed for the project. Cllr Tripp reiterated his request for a business plan. When the final plans were ready these would be put to the village at a public meeting for comments.

Village Hall – nothing to report. Next meeting was due the following week

Tonbridge & Malling Area Committee of KALC - Next meeting 16th April

Parish Partnership Panel – next meeting 6th February

Joint Parish Council Transport Consultative Group – noting to report.

Kent Community Rail Partnership – No report