

Grounds and Flooding Reports June 2021

GROUNDS REPORT JUNE 2021

1. The Etesia mower has been sold for scrap, sum received £650. From UK agents. (It was in a worse condition than it appeared, assessment report in the PO.)
2. The Hedge Grounds contractor to level up the Green Lane Ha Ha hedge in the autumn.
3. The high-pressure power jet washer is to be tested, if ok will be used to clean the Riverfront pathway.
4. A sample section of chain has been installed for the Council's appraisal /approval at the Riverside Garden.
5. The bins left around Gossips Green have been subject again to residents' objection. and again, the proposal set before the Council for approval is as follows; -
 - a. The resident in the Old Council House will cease to leave his bins outside of the library back door and now retain them within his own premises. (The library has now returned) they were placed there without permission from the DPC.
 - b. The Charity Shop to only have one commercial Viola bin, they have been requested to comply with this intention.
 - c. The flat over the Charity Shop have nowhere to store their two bins therefore the suggestion/proposal is that the DPC form a bin store on the tarmac area in front of the Charity Shop to house the two Flat bins and one commercial bin for the Charity shop only, this was the previous intention and drawing can be used to provide a cost for Council approval. A consideration if the cost should be shared with the recipients could be made.If the Council agree to this then the necessary letters to the above addresses require to be sent advising of the Councils intentions.
6. Again Katy has excelled herself with the summer flower selection, Well done.
We are questioning a missing hanging basket to the front of the Manor Hotel.
7. There is an intended litter pick by Legoland volunteers for the Rec Ditch. Good news and a thank you for taking on a thankless DPC task.
8. Grass cutting in all green areas will be by weather dependent need and not by a fixed schedule.
9. A quotation for the central greens peripheral kerb areas is currently being drawn up for discussion with the Grounds Project team. (3 methods).

Cllr Ian Thompson LM Grounds.

FLOODING REPORT.

1. The EA are making good progress with the Black Potts repair works and keeping up full reports on their progress. The question I ask is this work that is costing millions of pounds a product of the cost saving exercise that the EA undertook at the commencement of the JR Project in 1999 and the resulting structural failures in 2003 and later.
2. A meeting took place with an EA Engineer to assess if any reduction of the protective flood bund alongside of Black Potts intersection with the Railway borrow pit running to the Eton Road railway tunnel has occurred during recent flooding events.
3. The requested Barrel Arch Survey Data has been received from the Borough. The quality of the data is first class, and the pre clean of the structures is of a similar standard.
At present I am assessing this information and will provide a report to Council. However, from what I have initially viewed and some of the engineers qualified reports are of concern.
4. Cllr Larcombe has issued a notice for requesting a Judicial Review into the Borough's inability to fund and progress their promises to protect thousands of Borough residents by failing to support Channel 1 of the River Thames Scheme. This is an item that will be discussed by Council as a future

agenda item. Please read this document by Fitz Solicitors carefully and raise questions for debate. This document has the full support and approval by Wraysbury Parish Council.

5. Thames Water have made contact regarding having a joint Survey of the Datchet Common Brook within their reservoir property with representatives from the DPC, However, they have yet to come back with a mutual date, this will be pursued.

Cllr Ian Thompson LM Flooding and Drainage.