

## CHAR VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### LOCAL AMENITIES WORKING GROUP REPORT

#### BENCHES

The derelict bench in Wootton Fitzpaine has been removed and disposed of, and replaced with a bench from the Whitchurch Playgroup area.

Ruth Worsley who works closely with the committee of the James Hargreaves Hall has recommended to them that the new bench, which was advertised in the Char Chat, would enhance the Hall's amenity value and be useful for those wishing to have refreshments outside.

**As this seems to be a very good idea the CVPC need to ratify that the bench can indeed be given to the James Hargreaves Hall.** Following on from this agreement the Lengthsman will deliver it to Morcombelake and install it in the appropriate place in the next few weeks.

#### FINGER POSTS

Two "arms" from two separate finger posts in Wootton Fitzpaine have snapped off, breaking the metal supports in both cases. They have been given to Alex Brooks of Wootton as he has done work on finger posts before. He states that in his opinion both have been damaged by tractors with hedge cutters. He is researching into the welding of the arms and replacing the hinges etc and will provide an estimate for this work. He is concerned however that this type of damage may be on going every year and wonders **whether further action by the CVPC could be taken to prevent this happening.**

**A roundel from the top of a finger post at Monkton Wyld** fell off sometime ago because it was only attached with one screw. A second hole needs to be drilled to make it more secure. Roundels are sought after by unscrupulous collectors. The Lengthsman has agreed to do this job in the near future. I will provide photos of the roundel and the finger post that it belongs to minimise the Lengthsman's research costs for the job.

#### GRIT BINS

It is presumed that all bins have been filled with grit for the winter. The bins needing replacement will be reassessed to ensure that the worse ones are disposed of. Once this has been done the Lengthsman will install the new ones and fill them with the grit from the old ones. Again I shall take photos to speed up the process.

At some stage the grit bin at the Five Bells Inn needs to re-aligned so that it faces in towards the car park thus avoiding heavy rain leeching out the grit which then flows down Higher Street.

## NOTICEBOARDS

The noticeboard at Ryall has become damp inside allowing long standing notices to disintegrate. Whether this is because the noticeboard is situated under trees or whether it actually leaks has yet to be ascertained.

I understand that new noticeboards are being ordered for Fishpond, the Old Post Office Morcombelake and the Village Hall at Whitchurch. It is hoped that the position of a new noticeboard for Wootton Fitzpaine will soon be agreed so that one can be purchased for this village.

I shall be updating/renewing the keyholder notices to go inside the noticeboards and also need the original for the notice "The Parish is also online!" which I think Cllr Carey has.

I confirm the people responsible for placing minutes/agendas on noticeboards are as follows

Old Post Office, on the A35 Morcombelake Cllr Eager  
James Hargreaves Hall, Morcombelake Cllr Mahaddie  
Stanton St Gabriel Cllr Carey  
Monkton Wyld Cllr Jones  
Fishpond Cllr Jones  
Wootton Fitpaine Cllr Hansford  
Ryall Cllr Creed-Castle  
Five Bells, Whitchurch Cllr Creed-Castle  
Village Hall, Whitchurch Cllr Creed-Castle

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