**Your Parish Council Update - March 2022**

**If you have any issues or priorities that you would like the Council to consider, please raise with the Chairman or the Clerk.
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**Updates.** The hedge on the corner of Bulls Lane and South Street has been trimmed back by the homeowner, although it is probably still wider than the historical width and will need to be kept managed.

**To receive report from Wiltshire Councillor Najjar.** Cllr Najjar advised that Wiltshire Council have been working on the Annual Budget. He also reported on the outcomes from the first meeting of the Highways and Speeding cross councils working group. There is to be a follow up meeting with the PCC. From Broad Chalke’s perspective the key issue is the problem of 60mph to 20mph limits with no graduation on entering the village from the direction of Salisbury. The Council feel strongly that there should be a whole valley approach to speed limit reduction.

**Footpath No. 43.** This is the Right of Way that runs from High Lane to Chapel Lane, avoiding the sharp bend. The Clerk had written to the property owners to raise concerns over restricted access due to parked cars. This will be monitored, and enquiries made with the ROW Officer at Wiltshire Council.

**South Street Trees.** The Chairman had received some documentation from a resident that provide information on possible ownership. The Council does not have any powers to take direct action, but the Chairman will have a further conversation with the landowner.

**Emergency Plan review.** The Clerk briefed the Meeting of the updates, changes and additional process added into the Emergency Plan following work Nicki Tinkler and he had undertaken. A new ‘Core Team’ has been identified to provide management, direction and response in any Emergency situation and a new communications process and protocol written in. The next stage is to engage with volunteers; seek their continued support and to communicate operational arrangements and practices. There then needs to be ongoing support of volunteers. The Clerk and Councillor Dawes will look at organising a briefing session.

**Low Lane.** This is the footpath that runs behind the properties on High Lane.A further site meeting and technical inspection had been undertaken. The footpath was measured as 325 meters, with 295 meters requiring improvement; The location of drains and gullies had been reviewed and discussion about appropriate materials. The Council’s technical advisor has made recommendations on suitable materials that will be developed into a tendering document.

**Celebrations for the Queens Platinum Jubilee in June 2022.** Ashley Truluck is acting as central point of contact to avoid event clashes and the Council is encouraging village organisations to put on small neighbourhood events.

**Finger post replacement on Causeway/South Street.** Replacement post is nearly complete and that a working party would be requested to assist with installation. The Clerk confirmed receipt of £656.60 grant from Wiltshire Council Area Board.

**Causeway standing water.** Cllr Carter is in dialogue with Highways, AONB and landowners and is seeking a site meeting to try and resolve this issue.

**Councillors Priority areas.**

Cllr Richter updated on Climate Change initiative and that some further social media messages to be drafted to seek involvement in a village group. Cllr Richter is also looking into the usefulness of the Parish Carbon calculator and into ‘odds and sods’ recycling.

**Village Fete.** Sara Moss is seeking to resurrect a village flower/produce show and Fete likely to be a July date before schools break up; possibly at the sports centre to enable some outdoor stalls/activity; a flower and veg show and the availability of a wet weather fall back in the hall**.**

**Finance Report.** £12,816.57 in the bank. Includes grant received for finger post and expenditure on materials for finger post but not costs of labour.

**Planning applications**

PL/2022/00711 Hill House Cottage Bulls Lane. Tree works. No objection.

PL/2022/00660 Orchard Bank, South Street. Variation to condition to extend lean to porch to create covered log store. No objection.

**Date of Next Meeting.**  9 March 2022

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