

Addingham Parish Council – Meeting 20/09/2023

Clerks report on matters Arising – report for information

- The public toilets at Stockinger Lane and the Pavilion are out of service due to a blocked drain. The Clerk has instructed a specialist company to investigate and jet the blockage.
- Clerk has reported the damaged sign at the junction of Main Street and the A65.
- Planning officers dealing with the application made by the Parish Council for alterations to the toilet block on Sugar Hill have requested a heritage statement. The Clerk has prepared the document and sent it to BMDC for consideration.
- The playground at Silsden Road has had surface repairs completed by Pennie Playgrounds, a contractor of BMDC. The surface is now safe and the sandpit cleaned, repaired and replacement sand added.
- The Clerk has requested that the sand, left on site by BMDC contractors, be removed from Silsden Road park. The Council agreed to follow up with their contractors during July and August. Inspection by the Clerk on 8th September shows the site is now completely overgrown with tall grass and nettles. The sand has not been cleared and was reported again.
- Following a verbal report from Dist. Cllr Whitaker during the July Council meeting regarding the declassification of Bolton Road, a written copy has now been received.
- Despite extensive drain repairs on Skipton Road and resurfacing of the highway, water continues to spill onto the road near Heathness Road. A further report by the Clerk has been sent to Bradford to request an inspection. *Update rec'd on 3rd August from BMDC to confirm that Highways have inspected the site and the water is coming off the field behind Heathness Road, flowing through a garden, flooding the verge and spilling into the road. This has been forwarded to colleagues in land drainage for them to look into.
- Council has received a request to take part in a data gathering exercise related to Nitrous Oxide use and the discarding of canisters. Full details circulated to members and lengthsman.
- Following the recent works on Back Beck Lane, Dist. Cllr Russell has written to Bradford Highways to share concerns about matters relating to the environmental impact of the work.
- The Clerk is liaising with Building Control in order to progress the internal alteration works at the Pavilion. It has been confirmed that no application is necessary and no fee will be due for the internal works. The Clerk will need to update the building Risk Assessment, once work is complete.
- The Clerk has made enquiries with BMDC regarding cutting back of the trees at the Stockinger Lane football field. Whilst they would be willing to undertake the work, they are not able to commit any resources to work which isn't an emergency due to staffing shortages. They couldn't offer any timeframe for undertaking the work. In consultation with members, the Clerk asked Keighley Tree services to provide a quote for the work, which has been accepted using delegated authority.

- The lengthsman has reported a large “den” at the top of Stockinger Lane. Residents have also reported this issue as antisocial behaviour is occurring there. The Clerk has asked BMDC to remove the fly-tipped items.
- The Clerk has applied for the road closure for Remembrance Sunday and laying of wreaths on 12th November 2023.
- The Clerk has applied for the road closure for the Light Switch On event on 25th November 2023.
- The Clerk has reported that recent resurfacing works along Bolton Road has left debris behind which has been washed into the Gullies. Residents have noted that the gully wagon has been to clear the affected gullies but sludge remains. Clerk to report again.
- Clerk has chased enforcement officers in relation to business advertising on Highway land. There is a local business who repeatedly erects signage, despite being asked not to and having it removed for the second time by BMDC.
- The vandalised lock at the Pavilion disabled toilet has been repaired free of charge by Rob Binns Builders, whilst on site for another job. Thank you to Rob.
- The Clerk has chased BMDC throughout August for weed clearance along the road and footpaths on Silsden Road, Main Street and Ilkley Old Road. This service is scheduled for late September.
- Members of Addingham Garden Friends asked for help to contact Incommunities re: grass cutting at the Sailor Garden on Main Street. The Clerk’s enquiries are ongoing.
- Clerk has escalated the previous request for a new bin at the bus stop on Main Street opp. Cricket Club.
- Clerk has followed up a concern from a resident regarding the condition of the steps that lead to Victoria Terrace. These are worn, following years of use. Highways engineer, Kevin Whittaker, has been to assess the steps and given they have handrails on both sides and are not loose, he considers them safe.
- Clerk has followed up a concern from a resident regarding the Public Right Of Way along Victoria Terrace and that residents wheelie bins are obscuring the footpath. The Lengthsam has cleared the overgrown weeds and the issue of the bins has been referred to the ROW officer. ROW officer hopes to visit and give advice before October.
- Notification has been received of staffing changes at the Ward Office. The District team will be losing Liz Horn (retirement in October 2023) and John Redding (secondment to Community Safety Partnership Sept 2023 for 12 months). There are no plans yet to replace these post holders.
- Green spaces in the village that have been managed as wild flower areas have now been cut in accordance with the procedure approved by Council.
- The Clerk and Cllr Smith have undertaken a site visit to review residents’ concerns over the safety of the public footpath at rear of Big Meadow Drive Estate/Addingham Nature Reserve. Some defects and issues have been noted and reported by the Clerk in the first instance to the Rights of Way Officers.
- Reports were received that young people were digging holes in the park to create cycle jumps (sat 9 sept). Cllr Cobley spoke to the young people and requested that the holes were filled in as these are not safe and cannot be left. He invited the young

people to the council meeting on 20th September to engage in a constructive way with the Council regarding youth provision in the village.