

**Annual Parish Meeting**  
**Chair's Report – Community Assets**  
**Graham Overbury**  
**May 2022**

**Phone boxes**

All 3 Parish owned phone boxes have now been stripped and repainted with replacement glass and signage where required. They look very smart and have attracted positive comments from our residents. There has been some discussion regarding planting up the kiosk at Woodland View but this is due to move when the Hills work commences so this hasn't been pursued in the interim.

**Thorney Park Play Area Launch -**

The new play area was opened in August 2021 with a community event supported by the youth team and has become a well used asset for the children of the area. Snagging problems including gates, missing pins from basketball net and a more recent problem of a manufacturing fault on the climbing equipment have now all been remedied.

**Workshop**

WPC Grounds team are currently residing in temporary accommodation at Maunsell Way. This is less than ideal but the only interim solution available to us. We are seeking to improve security there with a more secure compound area. Other longer term options are being considered. We are looking to invest in electric vehicles where suitable which would also require us to install some charging points.

**Youth Provision**

Our Outreach Youth Team continue to be in Wroughton on Tuesdays from 5.30-7.30 being at Maunsell Way and surrounding areas for three weeks of the month and Thorney Park once a month. We have delivered some youth sessions including Streetdance and a BMX/cycling event. Our youth team will be offering activities at the Jubilee Picnic in the Park. We have some other sessions in mind potentially including boxing and karate later in the year.

Our Projects Officer is in regular contact with Ridgeway School regarding some community art projects such as new signage for the Tildesley Trail and painted bird boxes.

### **Clock Tower**

Installed in 1890 and part of the village heritage, WPC have funded the necessary repair work to the clock mechanism and surrounding structure on the Parish Church Hall. The works are complete and were a considerable cost which was not previously budgeted for. This has paid for a modern, reliable, electric movement for the clock.

### **Boness Road**

The Secret Garden Community Orchard area at Boness Road now has new accessible redesigned pathways and some other changes to the scheme. This review to create construction drawings was funded by Swindon Borough Council. We are now seeking revised quotes for the groundwork and play equipment. The WPC Grounds Team are reviewing the planting scheme which contains a scheme which is not suitable for an area of this type. Swindon Borough Council have pledged to fund native species only so our position is that we wish to include as many as these as possible to deliver the project within the cost window we have. Our aspiration is to ensure all ground works and play installation are completed this year.

### **Maunsell Way Pavilion**

We are awaiting permission for lease changes for the building from Swindon Borough Council so that we can use this site for activities other than just sport and set up a Charitable Incorporated Organisation to enable the new build and running of the site. We are expecting to receive a letter from the White Horse Federation (which includes Ridgeway School and Sixth Form) expressing their interest in using the new building during term time which would contribute significantly to the ongoing upkeep of the building. Wroughton Parish Council will need to consider how the new building will be funded in order to move onto the next stage of its delivery.

### **Thank you**

I would like to pass on my personal thanks to all members of the Community Assets Committee for their support.