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Happy New Year!

Updates

Longmeadow refurbishment to begin w/c Feb 5th, it can start before the electrics – I am still working on obtaining 3 quotes. Jingleations equipment to be stored in the Pavilion for 2 weeks, its being moved on Feb 2nd when the group have people to help and a van to hire.

I have a meeting with a provider of zipwires – the preferred option for play equipment – next week and I am arranging a 2nd. Quotes aren't proving simple to get.

Pavilion project – user group are meeting this week to see if anything should be added or removed from the plans. I hope then to bring the proposal to the FC on 19th Feb for you to approve.

Streetlights project – I have contacted 4 companies, 2 declined to quote, the other 2 will be. The survey company when asked for advice about the inaccessible lights advised us to get back in touch with them to inspect *when they are accessible*, in other words we would have to negotiate with each property owner – I am going to write to the properties involved as a starting point.

We have had another episode of flooding in the new year to the gardens of half a dozen houses that boarder the playing fields. We have met with those affected and as a sign of goodwill purchased some sandbags to help if it happened again. I have scheduled an item at next weeks Services Committee to discuss further investigations.

The internal auditor has received all of the documents he has requested to carry out the interim audit.

I have attended training for Mailchimp to launch our newsletter, please forward any information you would like in our first one by the end of this week (25 Jan) as I would like to get one out next week.

The infrared camera scheme continues to be popular, John Ward is doing a great job providing training and the feed back from users is very positive.

Cllr Clode and I met with Deputy Lieutenant of Shropshire Claire Crackett last week to continue networking and to gain any help we can from Claire to raise our profile and move our projects forward.

I have again chased Lichfield Diocese for a response to our letter regarding a purchase cost for the Glebelands as no response has been received.

Staffing

Its been a difficult January, the handyperson team has been down to one for most of the month due to ill health and annual leave, but the team continue to work very hard. I have been off a short while with flu.