

JANUARY 2021 MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

Trees on The Green, Little Bowden – I received a reply from Mr. John Kemp at the HDC stating that the HDC will be placing an order for the trees over the next couple of weeks, as they only take about a week to be delivered, we should get them in by the end of the month at the latest early February.

Park Bench on the corner of Rectory Lane and Fencing on the banks of the River Jordan, Scotland Road – In reply to my letter to Mr. John Kemp at the HDC, 'With regards to the bench, to the best of my knowledge we have no on street benches that we maintain and would be grateful if you could arrange both the seat and fence be repaired, in return I would be happy to meet the costs of both trees and planting.'

On Monday, January 11th, COVID-19 restrictions, and weather permitting, members of the Committee will inspect repairs to be done and effect a plan of repair.

Park Benches on the Green, Little Bowden – The Chairman reports that Mr. Mark Stamp is looking after two of the seats and the remainder will be looked after by a working party of LBS members after final confirmation by the St. Nicholas. PCC is given, hopefully in the Spring.

Little Bowden representation on the Harborough District Council – I found out via the HDC website that Councillor McHugo had retired in June 2020. We are only represented now by Councillor Peter James of the Liberal Democrat Party.

Have you any suggestions for attracting new members once we can reconvene meetings? - If you have or would like to offer help, please contact me so I can distribute amongst the Committee. Vivien has a list of speakers willing to come forward as soon as we can hold meetings again.

Membership Fees for 2021 – A proposal was passed by the Committee 'that those members who paid their 2020 membership fees hold good for 2021'.

AGM 2021- As we are unlikely to meet for some time, I proposed to the Committee that we have a remote AGM. To start the procedure a notification has been sent via email and hard copy to those who do not use email. This included minutes of the March Meeting, Minutes of the 2020 AGM, asking for a proposers and seconders and an Agenda for a remote AGM.

Notification is given that the Committee wish to stand again, and we ask if anyone would like to join the committee or join on an ad hoc basis. Applications please to be sent to the Chairman and Secretary to ensure fairness is observed. **If you are interested, please contact us by January 15th.**

This will be followed by the Chairman's Report, the Treasurer's Report and Membership Secretary's Report, and any further nominations received.

Planning Application 20/00891/FUL, for 350 dwellings off Eady Road –The Chairman received a letter prior to Christmas from the HDC saying the developers had submitted some changes. Phil Baildon reports that he spoke to planning administration on Monday, January 4th, and that 'The report is written up to go to a committee', but no date has been set.

Zoom Meetings - Whilst speaking to Kevin last month he said that some members of his U3A group had organised Zoom Meetings and suggested we could possibly do the same. Alan feels that would be great for important points to be discussed and should not be longer than an hour. Michael has volunteered to set this up for future meetings if anyone is interested. Your thoughts and comments please. We do realise that not everyone will wish to do this or have the necessary equipment required.

Until we can meet in person, keep well, keep safe.

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