

Councillor David Jackson report – March 24

I made enquiries on behalf of the playing fields committee (after a chat with Andy Hinton) as to whether the repairs of the playground equipment could be covered by a new WODC grant to promote youth activities. Unfortunately, it is classed as "capital expenditure", so does not apply.

I was copied into an email to Andy Graham from the resident of South Street who was concerned by the state of a front garden in South Street, which was affecting the viewings of prospective buyers of their house. Andy came to see the problem on March 1st and said he would make enquiries with Environmental Health, as to what could be done, especially as the problem has been on-going for about three years. I spoke to the resident to update her, and she was going to have further conversations with Andy. Hopefully Andy can get to the SBPC meeting to update you.

A resident of Fleming Close asked me to enquire about getting the three drains down the Close cleared as his property was nearly flooded out in recent bad weather. Subsequent correspondence has indicated that the Close is "privately" owned and there is an arrangement for the three residents to pay 50% of the cost. The resident is trying to get this payment sorted.

Another resident of Fleming Drive contacted me on March 4th to ask if a missing street sign by his house could be replaced. Bizarrely before I had made any enquiries, the day after it magically appeared along with a brand new one for Woodside Road by the hairdressers. I also spotted that the white street signs for Rectory Crescent had disappeared so I am assuming they might be replaced. I have not had chance to follow this up. . I was wondering if any of the parish councillors have heard about this?

Another resident of Jervis Close contacted me to mention that the handrail up the steps at the bottom of the Dock is somewhat wobbly. It is actually the post that wobbles a bit. I am not sure if it warrants attention. I have just got back from four days in Yorkshire, so I will mention it to Roger Tyers or Andy Barry.

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