

Parish Matters:

- a. On Sunday 29th October the Tolpuddle Litter Pick Volunteers organised a litter pick session.

The following has been posted on the PAPC Facebook Page.

“Despite regular downpours the Tolpuddle litter pick went ahead on Sunday. A group of 10 cleared this haul which included a metpost and parts of a car exhaust. The drains outside orchard meadow were unblocked and the gutters cleared of vegetation. Due to the dreadful weather other jobs will have to wait. Thank you so much to all those who turned out and to Julia for organising. Next litter pick in the spring. Keep an eye on the Tolpuddle Community Group page for more information.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/451335832313536>”



- b. Clerk Probationary Period & enhanced learning course

Recommendation: To discuss recommendations from the Chairman and Vice Chairman (2) to confirm the Clerk finished her probationary period (ended 24th April 2023).

Recommendation To discuss recommendations from the Chairman and Vice Chairman (2) to support the Clerk to enhance her Local Government Clerking qualification.

Correspondence.

1. Notice Board – Tristan Proctor The Antique Map & Bookshop
“I was recommended to you email you about the old notice board at the top of Mill Street, we can see the new notice board on the opposite side of the road has taken its place. We wondered if we would be able to try and save the abandoned one, try and restore it over winter and then put it up next to our outside bookshelf in the alley. The outside shelf gets a fair bit of attention & we often get asked to put up local event flyers etc “

Recommendation: To approve The Antique Map & Bookshop take ownership of the old noticeboard, refurbish and re-use as a community noticeboard near the outside bookshelf.

2. Flooding Milom Lane
We received correspondence from a neighbouring parish resident, asking what PAPC are doing about the flooding on Milom Lane.
The clerk reported the flooding on the Dorset Council Portal, stating the flooding may cover the carriage way. The Clerk asked Cllr Green attended to investigate and log in his Flood Warden report. DC responded stating signage had been placed warning of the flooding.
Cllr Green emailed photo's showing the entire carriage was flooded.
The Clerk has since go back to Dc and asked “1. Is there going to be any attempt to clear the flood water this year. 2. What if any work is DC undertaking in the future to ensure this level of flooding does not occur again?”
Response received: “Highways Officer Notes: We would not advise to drive through flood water as the depth is unknown with possible hidden defects and obstructions beneath the surface.
Long term solutions are currently being investigated. The existing highway drainage here is not damaged - but can only cope with a certain capacity - which now seems to be regularly exceeded and we are looking to find ways of increasing that capacity. In the meantime, we have put out flood boards.”

Recommendation: TO NOTE ONLY. To log this issue on the Action Log, so as to monitor works if any by DC to remove the water this year, and to prevent this from occurring.