**Berkswich Parish Council**

**Clerk’s report to Council - 5 March 2024**

**24/16 The Rise parking and graffiti**

I have been in touch with various parties about the issues with the following responses:

* PCSO Emma Fry – she has spoken to Craig Norton (see below) about the transporter. She is unable to attend Parish Council meetings.
* Craig Norton, W R Davies Manager – he asks delivery companies not to park on The Rise; he has ordered a bigger sign to stop transport drivers parking there; he is hopefully applying for planning permission to park transporters off road later this year; and he said he would look at the graffiti and get it removed.
* Highways – a member of staff has requested that the civil enforcement team visit the site during school drop off and pick up times and ticket the transporter for parking on the single yellow lines.
* County Cllr Francis – he is aware of the issues and had a meeting with a resident last summer and informed Highways about the problem who talked to the garage and it abated for a while.
* Mr Leese, WHS – he is pleased the issues are being addressed. He will speak to his employee responsible for the agreement with the Select bus company.

**24/18 Dog Mess at Bluebell Hollow**

SBC have provided a new bin at the end of the footpath on Milford Road and I have put up fine warning stickers in the area. I asked SBC if they had a map showing waste bins in parish – they didn’t have a map, but emailed a list of waste bins and locations.

**24/19 i Banking**

Switching bank account – in consultation with the Chairman I have decided to wait until audit forms (AGAR) have been submitted before starting the switch to hopefully avoid any potential issues.

**24/7 iii Too much VAT reclaimed from HMRC for 22/23**

HMRC are happy for me to deduct the VAT reclaimed in error for work under the FiPL grant in 2022-23 from the amount to be claimed for 2023/24.

**Extra Grass Cut in March**

SCC offered to fund an extra grass cut in March – SCC will pay £382 leaving £3.76 for Berkswich Parish Council to pay – this was agreed between the Chairman and I as the cost to BPC was well under £500. I have booked the cut with TGM.

**.gov.uk Web and Email Addresses**

NALC have published a report which recommends local councils use web and email addresses, including councillor email addresses, ending in .gov.uk. SCC don’t offer .gov.uk domains, but can still work with them if we get one from a registrar. I will seek recommendations on a suitable registrar from the goverment’s published list.

Sue Fullwood

Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer

27 February 2024