BARLING MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

Report to: Council

Report from: Clerk

Date: 14 November 2019

**Clerk’s report to Council (agenda item 19.136)**

1. We have once again been advised that the government will not be applying a cap to Parish Council precepts (the local charge you raise as part of the Community Charge) next year.
2. The Parish Hall fire monitoring system has been serviced and Gillian and I have received refresher training in testing the system. A written procedure has now been created so that this wisdom does not become lost over time. Gillian will now test a different fire call-point each month, recording the test in the fire safety log. Following this training, the Council has complied in every major respect with the recommendations of the recent Fire Survey.
3. Following concerns about LED lighting, we have eventually been able to arrange a meeting with both our lighting contractor and a LED supplier to review options that might mitigate the brightness and spread of the new lighting. I hope to bring a report on this to the November meeting.
4. The electrician has replaced the sparking RCD socket outlet in the kitchen so we can plug in the new fridge. It has been necessary to replace the porch light, which now works well (brilliantly; brightly; joyously and reliably) on the basis of the instructions to have a porch light on between dusk and dawn. The recent fire monitoring system service has come with a recommendation that we replace the two remaining older fire door lights with new LED units. The cost would be double the (currently necessary) replacement of their batteries but they would last longer.
5. I have started to publicise once again the availability of winter salt bags on a self-collection basis from the shed behind the hall. The topping up of the salt bins around the parish will take place during November. Each bin will now contain an up to day laminated sheet so that residents finding supplies running low know who to contact for additional salt.
6. I am arranging for Richard Edmunds to create the new lobby cupboard in November.
7. Calendars: as the sales situation is changing daily, I will report on progress at the Council meeting.

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