**Clerk’s Report & Correspondence – Meeting on 5th August 2024**

**Matters and actions from previous meeting(s):**

* Paul Miller at Ashridge Estate will let me know whether he will join the October meeting to provide an update.
* There is no meeting in September.
* Please note that the Clerk will be on annual leave between 19th August and 2nd September inclusive.
* Clerk is waiting to receive a detailed quote from Wildwood UK for remedial work to the Iron Room playground.
* There are two allotment plots available to rent and the clerk is enquiring about potential tenants.
* The Clerk has not been receiving weekly email from DBC with a list of planning applications/decisions. Emailed sent to DBC to rectify this.

**Matters related to August agenda:**

**Item 24/105 c Report from PCSO Martin Leadbitter**

PCSO Leadbitter is retiring in August and will be replaced by PCSO Bardhyl Agallili

**Crimes reported in July 2024:**

Between 12.00 and 14.00 hrs on 10th July an offender has removed both number plates from a Silver Ford Fiesta parked on Stocks Road. Undetected

Between 10.45 and 16.30 hrs on 12th July an offender has forced entry to e red Mini parked on Beggars Lane before making off in the vehicle. Undetected

Between midnight and 07.00 hrs on 18th July an offender has broken off the wing mirror of a white Vauxhall Moka parked in the recreation ground car park on Stocks Road. Still under investigation

On 20th July an offender has graffitied s Swastika on to playground equipment in the playground off Trooper Road. Still under investigation

Between 17.00hrs on 23rd July and 07.35 hrs on 24th July an offender has removed both number plates from a red VW Polo parked on Beggars Lane. Still under investigation

Between 06.30 and 20.00 hrs on 30th July an offender has removed both number plates from a blue Ford Fiesta parked on Beggars Lane. Sill under investigation

Between 07.15 and 21.00 hrs an offender has removed both number plates from a blue Skoda Fabia parked on Beggars Lane. Still under investigation.

**Item 24/106 Vacancy for Parish Councillor**

The Clerk had forwarded personal statement from the candidate to members.

**Correspondence received:**

1. Rekha Mistry Leadership Support Manager at DBC has emailed to let APC know that the Leader of the Council is now Adrain England.
2. Emailed received about request for a memorial bench at the allotments. The bench will be paid for privately.
3. Emailed received about Orchard trees being damaged by the recent grass cut at the orchard.
4. Several emails from the Filming crew regarding recent filming.
5. Several emails/FB posts from residents with suggestions on how to spend the filming fee:

* **Paying for a dust cart**
* **Having small size football goalposts at the Recreation ground**
* **Zebra crossing outside entrance to the school/ Church**
* **Having the new posts cemented into the ground**
* **Yearly maintenance plan for the Churchyard**
* **An outdoor gym at the Recreation Ground**
* **Contributing money towards accredited BSL (British Sign Language) course for residents**