

Chairman's Report – BMPOS AGM 26 April 2018

The Committee has undertaken work in accordance with the management plan and taken into consideration the TMBC's Visual Tree Report. A tree specialist has undertaken some tree work and the Ash Die Back that has affected some of our trees will be monitored. This work will be planned over the next 2 -4 years.

The grasslands and meadows have continued to be moved satisfactorily but it has been necessary to monitor the frequency of cuts.

The footpaths, boundaries and steps are continually inspected and it is anticipated there may be some remedial work required on the footbridge in the next 12 – 18 months.

The Committee were able to locate the original art work for the interpretation panels and I am pleased to say that the damaged panel in the picnic area has been replaced.

The lifebuoy cabinet now has a laminated lifebuoy sign on it and a broken finger post has been replaced near the picnic area.

Unfortunately, the notice board has not been repaired and the committee has decided it will replace this in the coming year. Details of meetings are being sent to Platt, Plaxtol and Borough Green parish magazines so that local residents are aware of meetings.

The Dormice Boxes have been inspected but unfortunately there was only evidence that 2 had been used by blue tits.

The Committee have decided that the damaged wall in Mill Lane would look much better if the wall was repaired like for like. Fencing was considered but the committee would prefer that any repairs should be in keeping with the area. Two quotes have been received, one for £11,920 and the other £8,250.00. A third quote is awaited. Meanwhile the possibility of obtaining a grant is being investigated.

After problems with the weir were noticed it was established that there is a missing weir board. TMBC's Land Registry documents show that the weir is still in the ownership of Crest Homes. The Committee has requested Crest Homes to take responsibility for any necessary repair work and to date the matter has not been resolved. The last communication from Crest Homes was to say they were consulting the Environment Agency.

I would like to thank all the committee for their support and continued commitment in the past 12 months. Thank you too to our Clerk, Hazel, for undertaking the secretarial and financial work required.