

Copythorne Parish Council Meeting 9th March 2021

Item 18 - Councillors Reports - Cllr. Graham Chillcott

Parish Telephone Boxes

Now that the better weather is returning, it's my intention to start the refurbishment of the New Inn Road kiosk, which as you can see from the photo is in a bit of a sorry state. The plan will be to remove the windows, repaint the woodwork/metalwork, then replace the glass windows with polycarbonate clear mouldings. Inside, the old noticeboard frames will be replaced with modern silver ones and the Telephone signs swapped for Information ones. Finally, the old fluorescent light will be replaced with a smart up to date LED version. Fingers crossed that we don't get any more smashed windows! I'll put together a simple project plan shortly.



Figure 4. New Inn Road Kiosk (as it looks before refurbishment)

Old (iconic) Bartley Village Sign

Together with Cllrs. Sylvia Wiggins and Simon Lucas, we have been refurbishing the old Bartley Village Sign that has stood in New Inn Road for many years. Please accept our apologies that it's taken longer than expected to finish the refurbishment. Basically, we were beaten by the winter weather. Hopefully by the time you read this report and certainly by the March Council meeting the sign will be back in place.

A Special Mention of Residents Going Beyond the Norm

May I take this opportunity to say a big thank you, to a husband-and-wife team (they know who they are) who took it upon themselves to clear the overgrown footpath in Southampton Road from St Brelade (east of the Bartley Crossroads) down as far as Nursery Cottage. This is a shining example of local residents, by their actions making a real difference to our community. To help them in their endeavours, I'm pleased to report that the Parish Council managed to arrange for Highways to cut back the overgrown hedge behind the path.

Bartley Crossroads

Lastly, I've not forgotten about the Bartley crossroads and my hope of getting a roundabout installed. The Council has had a written reply back from Highways, basically saying that due to the cost, it's unlikely that we will get a roundabout at the crossroads. I have to say that I'm not surprised by this reply, it's pretty much as I expected. As agreed at the February Council meeting, I will present a further report to Council on what our next steps might be at our April meeting.

Cllr. Graham Chillcott
26th February 2021