

Communications Working Group Report

September 2019

1.0 Working Group Membership

- 1.1 Current Membership Cllr Richard Selwood (Chair)
Cllr Mike Sharp
- 1.2 Councillor Hill Wheeler resigned from the Parish Council earlier this year, which as a result left the position of Chair vacant.
- 1.3 The remaining two members of the Working Group (WG) elected Cllr Selwood as Chair and approached Cllr Shepherd who provisionally agreed to Join the WG. The addition of Cllr Shepherd would enable the WG to have a quorum of three which would enable compliance of Local Government Law and the Council's Standing Orders.
- 1.4 The Parish Clerk/RFO advised the Council that all WG membership is agreed at the May meeting each year, and should not be amended during the intervening period, as per the Councils Standing Orders. This unfortunately leaves the WG currently with no quorum.

2.0 Proposals and Actions

- 2.1 Following discussions led by the previous Chair, gathering of Parish opinion, and easing the burden on future maintenance, Cllr Shepherd prepared a paper in his role as a Parish Councillor to request that the Parish Council update its current asset of notice boards. This includes replacing the current board located in the Street and disposing of all other boards.
- 2.2 Cllr Selwood received the draft paper from Cllr Shepherd and forwarded to the Clerk/RFO for inclusion in the September Parish Meeting.
- 2.3 Following comments raised by Parishioners at the June 2019 Parish Meeting, the Chair of the Parish Council, Cllr Pflieger drafted a note to the Lydiard's Magazine, which amongst other topics, requested residents trim any overhanging vegetation from their properties. This was published in the July edition of the magazine.
- 2.4 Following this, Councillor Selwood drafted a follow up note further urging residents to keep vegetation under control at their properties. This was published in the August edition of the magazine.
- 2.5 Closure of the Street. The Clerk/RFO distributed correspondence to Councillors outlining the proposed temporary closure of The Street and Holborn for a period of approximately 1 month commencing 14th October 2019. It is the intention of the WG to upload details onto the Lydiard's Facebook page nearer the time to alert residents.