

Town Clerk's Report for the meeting of 5th August 2010

There have been 5 weeks in this month and as the workload has not decreased that extra week has been very welcome!

The Town Council Office hosted MP Daniel Poulter for his 'Surgery' on 3rd July and it is hoped to welcome him back in September. I attended Framlingham College Speech Day, which was held outside in the grounds in glorious sunshine.

The options for the replacement multi-play unit was considered by the School Council at Sir Robert Hitcham's Primary School, and I went back the following week to hear their decision and comments, which will be passed to the Lands Committee for consideration.

I have met with the CCTV Engineer; one of the allotment tenants; various other contractors along with Councillors in relation to several proposed projects and attended a meeting with the Firework Display Director. I have also been to a very positive Business Association meeting; the Police Seminar at Martlesham; Jeremy Schofield's retirement at Suffolk Coastal District Council; the Northern Area Development Control sub-committee meeting, (ref Castle Brooks), and the Citizens Advice Bureau AGM with guest speaker Tony Osmanski Strategic Director at SCDC. Finally, I attended a meeting on site with representatives of the three Schools in the town and other organisations, relating to the proposed Community Garden on the Pig's Meadow. This is the start of a very exciting project, initially for children, working together growing flowers and vegetables. There are also plans for a fruit orchard and possibly a pond and wildlife area.

I have collected two burial record books from the Ipswich Records Office, in order to double check records with Jim Nunn, who is doing a fabulous job for us.

Suffolk County Council is proposing to resurface Church Street and Castle Street in the autumn and having been consulted on the options for dates to carry out this work, which will take place over three days, consulted with the Framlingham Business Association for its views, and have passed on the majority decision that the work should be done after half term week and not during. I have also advised the FBA that Fore Street will be closed from Crown & Anchor Lane to Albert Place from 16th – 20th August (9.30am – 3.30pm), to enable British Telecom Open reach maintenance and cabling works. I hope his partnership approach will be of benefit to the businesses in the town.

After not being able to contact GBH Engineering Ltd in any way shape or form, it appears that they had gone into administration. However, thanks to the efficiency of 'google' I have now been able to contact their original owner, who now runs GBH Ramps Ltd, for advice on our skatepark which was installed by the original company in 2006/07.

In between all that, I have completed, banked and filed the quarterly market invoices also the Annual Market Licenses, and continued with the ever increasing pile of administration duties. I am taking some of my annual leave from the end of July and during August, so will not be available on Mondays and Wednesdays until September.

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