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## PYMORE NEWSLETTER

### The Newsletter of Pymore Village Management Company (PVMC)

Dear Shareholders & Village Residents,

Welcome to Pymore Newsletter, Vol.11, the purpose of which is to keep you up to date with any village matters.

2018-19 has been a fairly quiet year for PVMC with only routine activity taking place.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT from Peter Williams**

Income for the year ending December 2018 was as budgeted, and thanks once again to all shareholders for their prompt payments. It is really appreciated as prompt payments do make both Burroughs, the accountants for PVMC, and the PVMC Treasurer's task a lot easier. In 2019 we are sadly not in the same position as we have one debt which is being pursued through the small claims court.  
MC/August 25<sup>th</sup> 2019

Our overall costs for 2018 were as expected with a small overspend of £41. We were able to hold the annual service charge for 2019 to the same as last year at £177. The contingency fund stands at £30,503 at the year end. This is the insurance we all have to cover any unknown costs that may arise. Last year we were anticipating a considerable cost to make remedial repairs to the pedestrian footbridge, but after an extensive survey it was deemed to be a sound structure.

The reed bed had its biennial cut at a cost of £1900, and thanks go to Richard Gillingham for raising grants of £828 towards the cost, and to the volunteer force that gave their help to make the reed bed so attractive to our wildlife.

#### **FOOTBRIDGE REPAIRS**

The repairs to the footbridge took place on 18.9.18 and as mentioned in the Treasurer's report were much less costly than anticipated. The final bill was £552.00 inc VAT.

There is a large crack in the tarmac at the Morbae Grove end of the bridge which will need to be replaced if it becomes a trip hazard to residents and visitors.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

##### **1.FISH PASS**

The local man the board had employed to keep the fish pass

clear was failing to do the job properly so a village resident volunteered to take over. After several months had passed with no activity the board decided to ask our landscape gardener to take over the work. A visit was made by Karen Bettle from the Environment Agency Biodiversity and Geomorphology team in June 2019 and she made some recommendations for improvements to the feeder channel which has become silted up. Casterbridge Fisheries have agreed to carry out the work at the end of August.

##### **2.REED BED MANAGEMENT**

One third of the reed bed was cut between 8-12 October 2018 as per the schedule recommended by the Dorset Wildlife Trust. The weather was ideal for the first four days, followed by a day of continuous rain on the final day.

Richard Gillingham led the team of 18 volunteers from Bridport, Pymore Village and Pymore Terrace who carried out the work with Richard Timbrell, the village landscape gardener. An extra skip had been obtained at a cost of £400 (inc.VAT) due to the quantity of material removed.

Richard Gillingham had applied for a grant from Dorset AONB which was paid in November 2018.

This is a biennial exercise so there will be no cutting in the autumn of 2019.

### 3. LEAT MANAGEMENT

The board decided in 2018 that the leat needed to be cleared twice a year as the growth is excessive. The first cut has been done and a second cut will take place once growth has slowed down in the early autumn.

### 4. TREES

The annual tree survey was carried out with Carl Stoodley from Forest and Tree Care in May 2019. One tree was found to have fallen along the leat and was removed. A large willow on the riverbank under The Stables was pollarded as were the small willows on the river bank by Mill Cottage and the Mill Block. The small willow trees have to be kept at a height of 1-2 metres re Environment Agency guidance.

### 5. WILDFLOWER BANKS

The wildflower banks along Morbae Grove have been more colourful this year and seem to be coming into fruition. A local resident has asked if she may develop the smaller wildflower bank in Threadmill Lane. Following submission of an action plan agreed by PVMC and Nick Gray from the Dorset Wildlife Trust this has been agreed and the work has started.

### JOBS COMPLETED IN 2019

A local decorator was employed to re paint all the railings in the village, of which there are a great many! This has been completed and they

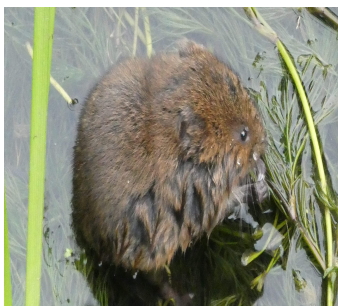
now look much more uniform and indeed shiny....

The decorator will refurbish the wooden noticeboards and benches over the next few weeks.

### \*\*\*\*ADOPTION OF ROADS\*\*\*\*

The Deed of Easement for the handover of roads to Dorset County Council was signed by two directors on Friday August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019. This will hopefully mean that the roads will be adopted soon.

Duck family



Water vole



Green woodpecker

**Photographs of local wildlife are courtesy of Amanda Last, Pymore Island.**

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*PLEASE NOTE: Contractors employed by PVMC directors should not be approached by residents and asked to either take on extra work outside Pymore boundaries or to change the designated work schedule. If a resident has concerns with the work being carried out he/she should approach a director and discuss*

*And finally .....*

*Could all residents who have an email address, please send it to Maggie Cooper. Email is an easier, more efficient and cheaper way of transmitting information. Thank you.*



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