

PYMORE NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter of Pymore Village Management Company (PVMC)

Dear Shareholders & Village Residents,
Welcome to Pymore Newsletter, Vol.12, the purpose of which is to keep you up to date with any village matters.

2019-20 has certainly been a different year for all of us and may continue to be so for some time yet.

We were unable to hold our AGM or our March board meeting both of which were due to take place just after lockdown started in March 2020.

The PVMC board has continued to work in the background although we have not been able to meet as a group since February 2020. Email and phone calls have been our means of communication.

This will therefore be a somewhat shorter newsletter than previously.

PROPOSED RESIGNATION OF DIRECTORS

Peter Williams, Steve Wilkinson and Maggie Cooper have decided to eventually stand down, following a structured succession plan, from their roles as Treasurer,

MC/August 20th 2020

Chairman and Company Secretary respectively by the end of 2020.

Unless volunteers step forward for these roles it seems likely that a local management company, (part of Symonds and Sampson) will take over the day to day management, with a reduced role for the remaining directors. The directors have had several discussions with Symonds and Sampson in preparation for this outcome. There would be a reduced role for directors, possibly attending board meetings just 4 times per year, whilst maintaining control of the finances of PVMC and overseeing the team from Symonds and Sampson.

TREASURER'S REPORT from Peter Williams

In 2019 we were underspent to the budget set by £1000 so this money will go forward to help the cost of the biennial cut to the reed bed, due to take place in the autumn 2020. In 2019 we took on various projects including:

- 1.Repainting of all the railings and revarnishing the benches at a cost of £708
- 2.Repointing the bridge wall to Pymore Island at a cost of £512
- 3.Refurbishing the fish pass at a cost of £540

There will always be costs incurred that are unforeseen at the beginning of the year and with our contingency fund now standing at £33,500, any costs can be met.

For 2020 there was no increase in the annual service charge but there will be an

increase if we need to outsource the village management.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

The Environment Agency team has visited the village twice during the year. The first time was by request as there was some anxiety about the amount of silt build up in the river, the Mill Basin and under the courtyard. They had no immediate concerns but felt that the silt built up in the Mill Basin would need to be addressed soon. The earliest opportunity was thought to be Spring 2020 but that did not happen as we were all in lockdown. The team visited again last month and proposed a clearance of reeds might help the situation, but no date was given. All of the work is contingent on budgets.

FISH PASS

Following a visit from the EA Biodiversity and Geomorphology leader in June 2019 some recommendations were made for improvements to the feeder channel into the fish pass. This had become silted up and Casterbridge Fisheries carried out the work at the end of August 2019. Richard Timbrell, our regular gardener is carrying out the day to day maintenance.

REED BED MANAGEMENT

The reed bed is due to be cut this autumn between 12-16 October as per the Dorset Wildlife Trust schedule. Anyone who would like to volunteer should contact Richard Gillingham (details below).

LEAT MANAGEMENT

The leat has been cut back on both banks this month by our regular gardener. As usual he found numerous amounts of rubbish, broken glass and other detritus behind two of the houses.

LANDSCAPING

Our thanks go to Richard Timbrell (RaTa) for all his hard work in keeping the green areas in the village under control. It is not an easy task for one person.

STRUCTURES

1.FOOTBRIDGE

The badly rusted area at the base of the footbridge just beside the Mill Block has been treated with Galvafruid to prevent further deterioration.

PLEASE NOTE: this is not a suitable route for horses to cross

2. COMMUNAL LIGHTING AROUND MILL BLOCK AND OFFICE BLOCK

The existing lighting system in this area was being regularly repaired and was of an age where spare parts were becoming difficult to obtain. The board took the decision to replace the whole system with an updated version using LED lights and weather repellent material.

ADOPTION OF ROADS AND UTILITIES

The Deed of Easement for the street lighting was signed off by Dorset Council on 15 October 2019 and the roads were handed over to the council on 21 July 2020. A very, long process but eventual success.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS EVENT

The board decided to utilise the newly refurbished Pymore Inn for the annual Christmas get together in 2019. We used the small room at the back of the pub but also spread out into the main area. The landlord made some mulled wine and cider which everyone enjoyed. It was a particularly wet evening, so it was great to remain warm and dry.

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 undertaken he/she should approach a director and discuss.

Residents are welcome to comment on the above policies or make any proposals for the Board's consideration. Please contact any PVMC Board member.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

None planned yet but we may be able to repeat the Christmas event at the Pymore Inn.....notwithstanding Covid 19.

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

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