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SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Please find detailed below Two Items for Supplementary Agenda for 3rd February 2025.

To *CONSIDER* the two items:

a) Request from the Developers of Tudor House Development for a Wayleave across the Playing Field at Thornwood Common

The Clerk has received a request from the Tudor House Developers for a Wayleave for an Electricity Cable to be installed under the Playing field at Thornwood Common. This would be installed by the UK Power Networks.

The Electricity Act 1989 allows for electricity companies to install and maintain electricity lines and associated equipment. Whilst they may initially ask permission of the landowner (i.e. us as the Parish Council), they also have the right if we refuse permission to apply to the Secretary of State for a compulsory wayleave, which allows the Secretary of State to grant the wayleave if it is deemed necessary for the installation and maintenance of electricity lines. Ideally, the works should not damage the green or interrupt its use for exercise and enjoyment, however in these circumstances it is expected that any disruption should be minimised, and the area should be restored to its original condition after the works are completed. This would all be agreed in the Wayleave.

With regard to the Wayleave, this is a legal contract between the landowner (the parish council) and the service provider (the utility company). It is not an agreement between the developer and the Parish Council. This agreement grants the provider the right to install, access, and maintain the infrastructure on the land, and it is essential any wayleave clearly outlines the terms, including the duration, scope of work, and any compensation for the use of the land.

Therefore we have two options.

1. Go back to the developer and advise we do not give UK Power Networks permission, and wait for them to go through the compulsory Wayleave process with the Secretary of State (who may or may not grant permission)
2. Go back to the developer stating that we are happy for the works, but that works could only be completed once a wayleave between the UK Power Networks and the Parish Council, is legally agreed.

Due to this matter needing urgent attention the Clerk felt it important that this matter be placed on a Supplementary Agenda. If we went for Option 2, we would ask UK Power Networks to enter into an agreement covering all the Parish Council Costs, and Health and Safety Requirements associated with this matter.

b) Email Requesting Support for a School Crossing Patrol at School Green Lane for School Crossing Patrol

The Clerk has received a request for support from the Local Parish Council to support St Andrews parents, requests for a School Crossing Patrol. A copy of the narrative & Map which was received last week has been reproduced below:

Today's car accident involving a child walking to school follows more than a year of pleas from the Head to improve parking. To date 'A' board signs positioned by the school to encourage better parking and the occasional visits from a traffic warden for the small area in Beamish Close have not been effective. Today there has been a road traffic incident involving a primary age pupil and a vehicle on the approach to the school.

Local roads are not equipped to accommodate the number of students using a car to travel to school and poor parking has now led to an incident. Pedestrians and cars alike no longer have sufficient visibility to safely navigate the junctions on the approach to the school.

The Red School nursery facility is also based at Queens Community School at the top of School Green Lane and also had drop offs at the same time in the morning.

The rough sketch below shows the usual route of travel for most traffic and pedestrians, with alternate feeder routes dotted. The two school facilities are circled in black. Would it be possible to consider a school crossing patrol from one side of School Green Lane to the other at the location indicated in the green area or close to this to assist in getting children safely to school? This is the area most people are currently crossing School Green Lane, and it is a very busy pinch point with two junctions close to one another.

This area is usually busy with cars parked on pavements and into the junction area and nearly all cars associated with the primary school and red school pass through this area. This becomes even more complicated on bin day, when there are any deliveries to homes during school hours or for school buses for outings.

Today's accident confirms this is not just a matter of concern, but now a reality that is demonstrably dangerous.

Were a school crossing introduced, it would naturally slow vehicle speeds and offer safe crossing for pupils while also ensuring parking in the immediate area of the crossing were reduced in the presence of the crossing patrol. This seems the swiftest assistance that can be provided.

Please let me know the next steps in the process to progress. Today's accident was we believe without significant injury. I would like to ensure it is the last.

The Clerk has received an email from District & County Councillor Supporting this and passing it on to the relative officer at County, therefore the Clerk felt it important to place this item on a Supplementary Agenda rather than waiting for the next meeting. Members are asked if they SUPPORT this matter.

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