



Clerks report to the Full Council Meeting 14th October 2025

6.3 Assets of Community Value

The Sun Inn

See attached

- Letter to property owner
- Completed application form.

Plaistow Tennis Courts

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- Letter to property owner
- Completed application form.

Ifold Stores

See attached

- Letter to property owner
- Completed application form.

Reconfirm Plaistow Stores

See attached

- Letter to property owner
- Completed application form.

In addition, the tenants have been advised.

6.4 Foxfields

Councillors meet informally after the Neighbourhood Plan Meeting in September, and the following points arose from discussions:

No decisions could be made until further detail was supplied as to:

- The nature of the covenant current purchasers are proposing on the land. A restriction to keep the field as a football field solely may be difficult to achieve resident support for a Parish Council loan to purchase this field.
- The exact amount to be paid for the field.

A meeting could be arranged with the current purchaser to discuss in due course.

7. 2 Cyber Insurance

Coalition continues to be recommended by our brokers Gallaghers for cyber insurance and the attached documents have been sent out to support the insurance for the forthcoming year at a cost of £358 (£308 25/6).

- Quotation
- Signature bundle

7.4 School grant application

There have been no recent applications granted to the school

[See previous awards made this year](#). There is a budget remaining of £1000 and the current application from the school is for £639 for a shed to store outdoor use materials to support their "Forest School".

- See attached application.

8. 1Tree Works

Quotes for Sessile aerial works

- Contractor 1. Used for Plaistow tree works recently £580
We usually charge £150 for the TPO application, we can offer for £100, as Gael Consultancy has done a lot of the spec that is needed for this.

We envisage a days work max with extra men for road side assistance and would charge you on this occasion as it would also be a privilege! to work on this tree.

Aerial pruning in line with spec and bs3998 £480

I noted Andrew Gale's comments re previous works, and if I could also comment that when we were dead wooding we also noted that the trees had some less than British standard work done before us.

Total being £580

- Contractor 2 £450
To apply for Conservation Area Consent to Chichester District Council and subsequently carry out the works identified by the Gale Tree Consultancy reports for T30/530 Sessile oak on the southern boundary line of the recreation ground and Common House Road;
Reduce Feature No.1 by c.2m
Reduce Feature No.6 by c.2m
Reduce Feature No.7, both sections, by c.2m
Remove all arisings

Total £450.00 VAT £ 90.00 Gr. Total £540.00

8.2 Replacement Tree for Plaistow Green

- Tree Warden comments:
RHS suggest Magnolias or Crataegus. I am not sure about these suggestions. The Magnolia would produce lovely flowers but not necessarily in keeping with the other trees on the green.

I would not plant Crataegus as it has very spiky stems and given the proximity to the school would be inappropriate. I have spoken to them again and jointly we think the tree died due to water logging as the roots seem to have rotted.

The other website they refer us to is RHS Trees for Wet and Dry conditions which I will look at.

One question we will need to consider is how tall a tree we would like in that position. It is an exposed position and one that grows not too tall may be better.

The Planning Committee discussed with David at the Planning meeting in October which he attended (he cannot attend the Full Council Meeting). The recommendation from the tree warden is for a tree that does not extend above 30ft when mature, due to the site conditions. After various discussions as to a type of tree a Malus (Crab Apple) was thought in keeping with the area and also decorative both in the spring and autumn and most importantly would cope with the conditions. Other tree types ruled out were Birch (not good with wet conditions) , Beech (grows too high), evergreen (not in keeping). Any other suggestions welcome.

Due to the wetness of the ground in the winter it was thought best to plant in early spring/ late winter and to include a water gator to ensure sufficient watering as the tree grows. A rota to fill this up to be agreed. In addition, funding from CDC to be explored in the meantime.

11. Correspondence

Dear Jane

Thank you for forwarding the report of the traffic engineer. Since receiving it we have consulted various of our elected representatives, in particular Andrew Griffith MP who remains very supportive of our proposal.

We strongly disagree with the conclusions of the traffic engineer because it fails to take into account the clear guidelines set out in the West Sussex Speed Limit Policy. This requires a functional hierarchy/route assessment. A typical functional use is set out in Table 1 of 2.6 of the policy to include:

"30 mph speed limit-

Rural villages

rural "quiet ways where roads are narrow, have no footways and only a narrow verge..."

The fact is that Shillinglee precisely fits the kind of situation described. I attach photographs demonstrating that there is no footpath. There is a narrow verge in places but in other places it requires pedestrians to walk across residents' front lawns or push past hedges, and particularly at the sharp corner there is no verge at all as demonstrated in the photographs.

Over and above that, there is a lack of logic in the suggestion that speeding should be reported to the police. If there is no speed limit then the police are not involved. The report describes the residents having a "perception" of traffic speed. That is because there is traffic speed. That is why we have such substantial community support for the introduction of a speed limit.

Accordingly we should be obliged if you could again submit this matter to the Parish Council for it to approve with a strong recommendation to go to West Sussex C.C. that the issue should be fully reconsidered.

Yours faithfully, Henry Brookman.