

Chairman's Newsletter No 9 Greensward Sale

We are still awaiting final sign-off for the planning permission and this is expected to happen by mid-August. Once this has happened the sale should be completed and we will receive the next stage payment for the sale.

Looking ahead we need to consider the way forward on how we should use the sale proceeds. The initial view of the committee is that we should split the proceeds into 3 items.

- Reserves. To ensure that we have sufficient funds available to maintain the running of the club for a numbers of years.

- Maintenance projects. For example: Replace the club house fascia and the soffits. Replace the bowling green surround. Re-landscape the garden areas. Dishwasher in the kitchen.

- New Developments. Possible extension to clubhouse.

These are just some initial ideas although some of the maintenance projects will need to be carried out. But as has been said before the input of the members on how the proceeds are used is important. So if you have any ideas on how we should use these proceeds for the benefit of the club then please put it in writing and either put it in the suggestion box or pass it to me or one of the committee.

The Gardens & Grounds

In the last newsletter and at the AGM I asked for any suggestions re maintenance of the gardens and grounds at the club. At the meeting and via a couple of items in the suggestion box the following have been suggested.

- Remove the rose beds outside of the pavilion and pave over.

- The flower bed on the greensward side to be cleared, reduced in size being replaced by paving and seating areas for 3 or 4 benches to be installed.

To take these items forward plus a couple of other garden items I am trying to get estimates to complete the work. If anybody knows a company that would be interested in this work then please let me know.

Promote/Publicise the Club

We have got our slot outside of Morrisons on the 12th August between 09:30 and 14:30 and we have members covering the hourly slots. Hopefully this may introduce some more new members for the club.

For those that buy the Essex Chronicle I hope you have read the Bowls news that is appearing on the Sports pages. This is all part of the initiative from Essex Group 3 to promote Bowls and increase awareness of Bowls in the Essex Group 3 area.

Catering Co-ordinator

We are still looking for someone to take over this role from Joyce. Please give it some thought and contact me if you can get involved with this.

On the subject of food Mike & Jan are giving up the catering function the end of this year so we need a replacement. A very hard act to follow. But if you know of any company that could provide the same level of catering at a comparable price then please let me know and we can consider them.

Electrical Work around the Club

Thanks to Dee for all the various items of electrical work he undertakes for the club, with his son providing the official check-out and sign-off. He has spent many hours on various tasks which has saved the club a lot of money.

That's all for now. John

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