CLAVERLEY PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Jubilee (Joint Use) Field Report

12th April 2021

The Jubilee Field is accessed via the School car park.

The village does appear to be going through the cyclical issue of teenagers, too old to stay in but too young to drive, who require a place to ‘hang out.’ There have been issues with youths hanging around the School car park. In 2019 this resulted in damage to lighting bollards for which the culprits were never found.

In more recent times noise and kicking a football around have been the main issues. The gates to the School have been locked after school in recent months as access to the field is not allowed after dusk but the problem can arise at weekends. A polite notice was placed in the February Parish Magazine asking for cooperation and for neighbours to be respected. A proposal is to be made to Parish Council as to whether an alternative public access to the field can be found. This would allow the area around the school buildings to be secured at all times.

The Head reported that Willow trees, which were planted as part of the outdoor play area many years ago, were growing into the drainage system so thanks to Cllr Cotham and a few willing local volunteers, they were removed and taken away to be burnt. One of the vertical poles, positioned again as part of the play area, was also found to be rotten so has been removed.

There is no doubt that the reluctance of a former Headteacher to allow moles to be caught has created a long-term problem which is continuing to damage the field. A mole catcher has been contracted on several occasions but given the number of runs that were allowed to develop, it is inevitable the problem will keep re-appearing, creating risk for children and expense for the School.

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