

BLACKBOURNE & WESLEY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

The Blackbourne, Elmswell IP30 9UH

The extension of the Blackbourne CCTV facility is likely to remain on a back-burner until the Wesley finance framework is in place, but the ceiling-mounted projector / screen proposals will be funded from Cllr Jayne Storey's promised £4,225.00 donation from her Locality Budget. Football user-groups remain problematic, although EYFC seems to have given up any attempt to use the full-sized Blackbourne pitch. EFC have agreed to pay for a one-off clean-up following a very messy session and to pay for subsequent wet-vac floor cleaning when necessary. As requested by the Police, it has been possible to lock the Blackbourne Car Park on 3 occasions recently.

The new entrance sign is in place which will, hopefully, persuade dog owners to act more responsibly. All banners are now removed.

Treasurer, Mr Brooks, declared an income to date of £45,179 for the Blackbourne and £7,322 for the Wesley and said that we had transferred £11K to the EPC in regular payments and £60K as a lump sum which was era-marked for the Wesley project. We are on track for a total annual income of £61,964 comprising £52,590 from the Blackbourne and £8,594 from Wesley. The committee endorsed his proposal to increase the monthly transfers to the EPC to £1.5K from the start of the new financial year.

Bookings remain very healthy and growing consistently requiring careful management. The new Circle Dancing group has started well with 20+ regularly attending.

Recent maintenance issues have included the need for yet another replacement heater at Wesley and water damage to the timber flooring in the Chamberlayne vestibule which is in hand.

Other issues covered included the noting by the Chairman at a recent CAS Village Halls information event of the effectiveness of a constant hot water unit in the kitchen of the host venue removing the need for kettles and urns and the offer from the Keeper's Daughter Theatre Group of a Christmas production should any user-group wish to help organise it as a community event.

Peter Edmonds

Secretary