

Report for August 2011 (Belated)

Floodlit All Weather Pitch: still on schedule and will be completed on time unless we have a lengthy period of wet weather

Footpath and Railway Bridge Project: going out to tender this week with the intention of starting on site in November subject to satisfactory tender returns.

Street Trees: residents have been asking about several trees which have succumbed to vandalism or died, I have agreed a programme of replanting to occur later this year.

Weeds: ragwort has been treated in the reported areas and pavements have been sprayed to kill other weeds.

Taff Trail: I am concerned by the virulent growth of Japanese Knotweed and will raise in Council the concern that there is no budget to deal with this invasive weed. I again requested signage asking cyclists to deal courteously with pedestrians as they approach. At the recent Pact meeting the need to organise the interface with equestrians was discussed

Station Access: for the benefit of those who have not seen previous newsletters, I repeat that Arriva Trains has an obligation to make train services accessible to disabled passengers despite the lamentable lack of disabled access to platforms at Radyr. Anyone wanting to use the service should contact me if they have difficulties arising from a disability

Drains: I have arranged the clearing of many drains in the ward and it will help to avoid flash flooding if you advise me of remaining blocked drains

“Community Land” : Taylor Wimpey has applied for planning permission to build 10 houses on this plot. In my view this should be conditional on a further tranche of planning gain money to benefit our community and I have put this view to the planning dept.

Illicit Parking: further fixed penalties have been levied in the village centre

Waste Collections: the collection regime will change as advised with the next collection of food waste, dry recyclables and black wheelies being on Monday 12th September. Residents who have arisings of disposable nappies or incontinence pads may register for a hygiene service to augment the black wheelie service.

Library Project: this has received planning approval and a display setting out the plans will be placed in the library soon.

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