

## **Elmer Sands Ltd**

### **Summary of Estate Maintenance and General Business for Members September:**

**ESL Council Sub-committees and Working Groups** – (see separate notice).

**2024 Estate Management Fee Review** – Members will receive Notices and details of the fee structure and company expenditure in December. Fees due 1<sup>st</sup> January.

**Holiday Letting** – Proposals to amend the company Articles relating to holiday letting are being prepared and ESL is considering tighter controls.

**Jubilee/Kiosk Garden** – The gardening contract has been awarded for a further year with no change to the terms. ESL will be looking at ways to assist with the management of the garden. The Kiosk shelter structure has been inspected for repairs and netting to prevent pigeon droppings covering public areas. Essential fence repairs will be carried out by Andrews Grounds Maintenance as part of the winter contract.

**Lottery Funding Application** – In response to Members' Survey feedback for more community and social interaction, ESL is preparing a project proposal to upgrade the Jubilee Garden area and buildings.

**Disability Access** – ESL will be carrying out an assessment of accessibility to community facilities.

**Planting Licence** – The Licence for planting trees on ESL land has been updated to tighten controls.

**Tree Maintenance** – Various small jobs are being scheduled around the Estate including removal of dead trees and stumps.

**Grass Verges** – Issues with overgrown verges and hazardous verge protectors are being followed up with homeowners as applicable.

**ESL Concrete Bollard Painting** – The WSCC Community Service Project on the Estate will commence soon. Start date tbc. Materials are purchased ready to go.

**Children's Playground** – The statutory safety inspection has been completed. Quotations are being obtained for a seesaw springer to replace the boat springer.

**Estate Road Repairs** – Following the Estate wide road repair survey, three contractors submitted quotations to the same brief. LA Kattenhorn & Partners Ltd have been awarded the contract (81 sqm total inc. vat £9,868.80). It is hoped work can be scheduled by October. Additionally, the speed hump in Sea Way by the Playground will be revised.

**Property Development and Access Applications** – Various being monitored throughout the Estate.

**Security Guarding** – Booked shifts were amended on an ad-hoc basis in response to weather conditions. The 2023 Contract has now ended.

**Parking** – The parking management team of directors has worked consistently throughout the summer months to prevent unauthorised parking on the Estate and OPS Parking Charge Penalties have been issued where applicable. Additional directors will be undertaking the OPS training.

**Flood Prevention Rife Clearance Project** – In the interests of flood prevention for the Elmer Sands Estate, ESL is co-ordinating a one-off community maintenance project to service the waterway running between properties in The Layne and Lane End Road. ESL is invested in flood prevention for the Estate but does not have any liability for this waterway which falls under the responsibility of the Riparian owners who have been kept informed. A local professional tree surgeon will carry out some initial clearance (£480.00) and Andrew's Grounds Maintenance will deal with the necessary pipe work (£125.00).

**WSCC Operation Watershed Funding** – ESL will be considering application proposals for further flood prevention funding.

**Annual Surface Water Drain Jetting** – Quotations are being obtained and work will be scheduled following the Autumn leaf fall.

**Social Events** – The MacMillan Coffee Morning was a great success with £430.00 raised for the charity. Grateful thanks to all contributors. A Car Boot Sale will be held on the Playing Field 24<sup>th</sup> September (see separate poster and banner). Further events eg Halloween and Christmas tbc. Collaboration on community social activities with The Cabin pub and ESBAC are being followed up.

**Elmer Sands Boating and Angling Club** – Membership data and Lease compliance checks have been carried out. Inspection of premises to be scheduled.

**Register of Local Green Spaces Initiative (WSCC/MOSPC)** – To avoid the risk of relinquishing Members' future control over ESL land, the ESL Council has firmly rejected proposals to add the Estate's green spaces to the register.

**Date of Next Members' Informal Open Meeting Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October (see separate poster).**

**Date of Next Formal ESL Council Meeting Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November.**

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