

Parish Council Redevelopment – Update (DR/05/19)

Services

I can now confirm that the Parish Centre has both electric and gas services installed complete with meters. This has been a problematic journey from start to finish. As previously reported the electric service was installed on the 27th March. The original date given by Cadent for the gas service was the 14th June and after many phone calls and assistance from LCC (road closure) we were given a new date of the 4th May (Bank Holiday Saturday). When the contractor started the excavation it soon became apparent that this would not be a straight forward job. The footpath was littered with cables, pipes and ducts which had to be navigated and then it was found that the old planted area adjacent to the parish centre sat on top of the old road which must have been realigned some years ago. To add further problems the cable route was blocked by an old concrete gully pot complete with mass concrete surround and cast iron grate. However given all this the service was completed on the Saturday. Then we had the issue of getting the meters installed, these had to be provided by our energy providers. The gas meter was installed on 14th May. The date we were given for the electric meter was within four weeks of our application which was late March however due to issues with Western Power and our proposed supplier this was put on hold. I would like to thank Julie our Clerk for her tireless efforts to resolve this issue; I know how much time it took. Eventually we went to a new supplier and the meter was installed on the 20th May.

TMDP will now connect the meters to the Centres internal service room and commission all the systems including the under floor heating. We will also be able to get our telephone and internet provider to install their equipment.

Progress

All works are substantially complete apart from some electrical, plumbing works and the ramp balustrade. The fencing details to secure the rear of the site along with any anti climb measures are still to be finalised.

It is anticipated that the building will be handed over to us on 14th June.

TMDP will then arrange a training session with all concerned to go through the operation of all the systems and maintenance requirements.

Haywards in conjunction with ourselves will be preparing a snagging list which will hopefully be addressed before we move in.

The final account should be agreed sometime late June/July. There are still a number of outstanding issues to be resolved. Also when Haywards issue the certificate of completion TMDP are entitled to the release of one half of the retention money.