

## **Tree Inspection report for Estates Committee meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

The arboriculturalist from Acacia Tree Services visited on 6<sup>th</sup> September and his complete report on all parish council trees will follow. The Clerk has determined that the only trees at Clopton that are the concern of the Parish Council are the two (T89 and 90) inside the play area. All others are the responsibility of the Borough Council. And there has also been a change at Nunnery Green. For a while we have been puzzled by double numbering of the Willow and Ash trees (Nos. T 91, 92, 93 and 94) and it now seems likely that they are the responsibility of Havebury Housing. As a result of these changes no inspections were made at the main part of Clopton Green or Nunnery Green. The Clerk may be in a position to confirm these changes. The arboriculturalist was happy with almost everything he saw but did suggest some minor improvements including the removal of overhanging branches above the skate park.

I was relieved to hear that the necrosis of the leaves of the Holme Oaks at the far side of the Six Acres is a seasonal peculiarity and not the result of my over enthusiastic pruning.

### **Hedges**

It is pleasing to note that the hedge on the downhill side of B1063 between Wash Lane and Cloak Lane has been trimmed. Hardly prizewinning work but appreciated all the same.

The County Council hedge in Thorns Close, which borders the Bowls green, has grown out of control and a request has been placed for some remedial work to be carried out. There were no signs of action at my most recent inspection on 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

The hedge between Coltsfoot and Meeting Greens, bordering Mr Parker's land, remains unchallenged. Is another reminder due? We are now in the hedgecutting window. Are there other landowners in need of reminders?

Roger Medley 22.9.21.