

Update on Estates Issues

This report sets out progress on a number of estates issues raised by the committee or reported to the clerk.

1. Overgrown hedgerow between Meeting Green and Coltsfoot Green

This is an SCC Highways function. The hedge to the left from Meeting Green to Coltsfoot Green has now been cut back. This is being escalated through the Suffolk County Councillor Bobby Bennett.

2. Land Slipping into Drainage Culvert at Coltsfoot Green

The Parish Council has power to carry out works for their maintenance or improvement or to pay others to do this under the Public Health Act 1936, s.260. At its April meeting the committee resolved to appoint a contractor to undertake work to both banks of the culvert, the drainage of the pond to be delayed until the next financial year or when additional funds available.

Work has been instructed and was scheduled to commence beginning 15th August.

3. Maintenance in Cemetery

SCC has now completed the re-instatement of a new hedge made up of native species (see plan attached at Appendix A). This is looking a little sickly due to the very hot and dry weather and some whips may need replacing.

Clerk has arranged a day with Mary Jolland for planting of autumn bulbs and a general tidy up, and residents of the parish are invited.

Longer term a full evaluation of head and kerb stones will need to be carried out in the next financial year which may result in some memorial stoneware being laid flat.

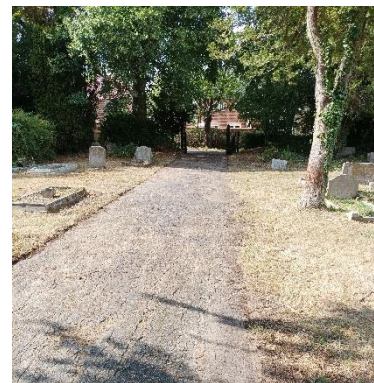
4. Chapel of Rest

Work to improve the drive leading to the Chapel of Rest (as approved at the April meeting) has now been completed by D R King & Sons.

Before



After



There are some worn areas of macadam, particularly outside the Chapel of Rest, which will require remedial work in the longer term.



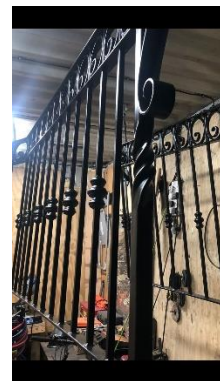


Additionally, there is a crack to the outer door lintel which may require work, and it should be investigated as to whether this is being caused by roots from nearby trees.

Work has been instructed to re-set the water butts outside the Chapel on levelled paviours to ensure that they are secure before the autumn weather re-fills them.

5. New Railings at War Memorial Entrance

The railings are due to be installed on 14th September.



6. Installation of replacement bench to Coltsfoot Green

This is scheduled for 14th September.