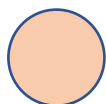


Update on Estates Issues

This report sets out progress on a number of estates issues raised by the committee or reported to the clerk. Progress against the work plan agreed at the February meeting (Min. 23.02.8.1, Report WPC.EC.23.02.01 refers) is summarised below:

Previous Financial Year



- Cemetery Notice Board – further work to be done on cemetery records before mapping can be completed



- Increasing accessibility to grave space records for Councillors – work to the plan is ongoing – researching impacts of GDPR on how reserved plots are recorded and made accessible to Cllrs.



- Drive leading to Chapel of Rest
- Work to Culvert at Coltsfoot Green
- Re-negotiation of lease for Children’s Play Area at Cemetery Road
- Reserved Grave Space Marking
- Health & Safety Consultancy – this service is now provided as a benefit from current parish insurers
- Outdoor Fitness Equipment – has been the subject of a number of consultations and the scale of the project has been revised – the parish council approved a proposal for a Wooden Senior Goal End (Min 23.02.14) at its February meeting and this has now been ordered.

Current Financial Year

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replacement of six white posts at Tennis Courts • Fencing to hedge adjacent to cemetery • Drainage of Pond at Coltsfoot Green 	<p>July July July</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-painting of BT Call box • Taking on Memorial Clock as an asset – solicitor instructed • Memorial Testing and actions arising from this 	<p>April Min Ref 23.02.13 April</p>

1. SCC Highways Functions

Following advice from Suffolk County Council’s Community Liaison Officer the clerk has been following up on a number of issues:

- Roadside Grips – an item for the website setting out SCC’s position – that there is no current maintenance policy for roadside grips, but where there are individual ones which are blocked and resulting in flooding, these may be reported and Highways could dig out – A request has been logged regarding a drain on the

road from Meeting Green to Boyden Green and this has been escalated through our County Councillor.

- SCC Highways will approve grit bins to the old existing grit dump sites (previously the clerk had been advised that the bins would be provided, but now advised that it is the responsibility of the parish council to purchase)– the clerk has identified the old dump sites from records, and will be requesting grit bins to these sites through the Community Liaison Officer.

2. Maintenance in Cemetery

The hedge re-instated by Suffolk County Council is showing signs of establishing, although there has been some damage due to pedestrians tracking across from the footpath into the cemetery. At the March cemetery work day old leaf litter was cleared and many of the whips were showing signs of re-growth. The installation of a fence is to be considered in this financial year (or a grant to cover the cost sought) to prevent this and further protect the saplings. SCC have been chased to establish any outstanding funding from the S.106 which could contribute towards this.

A compost heap has been established to the rear of the cemetery with some spare chestnut paling contributed by the clerk. Leaf litter in and around the Memorial Garden has been cleared by volunteers, and the third parish day was used to:

- Remove brambles growing up into evergreen trees
- Clear leaf mulch from guttering and remove surplus planks and branches from rear of Chapel of Rest
- Dig out behind the gates leading to Chapel of Rest to ease opening
- Fill in rabbit holes in the cemetery to reduce risk of accident.

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, some funds being allocated to this in this financial year.

3. Chapel of Rest

Following work to the Drive at Chapel of Rest, some worn areas of macadam, particularly outside the Chapel of Rest, have been identified 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.

The clerk needs assistance to undertake a spring clean of the Chapel of Rest – volunteers invited!!

4. Old BT Telephone Box

See agenda item 11.

5. Bench on Six Acres

The Estates Committee agreed to fund a new bench to Six Acres (Min EC.23.02.8.1 refers) at its February meeting at a cost of not more than £550 plus VAT. The Parish council agreed at its February meeting to authorise a further £250 plus VAT to upgrade the purchase to a commemorative bench marking the coronation of HRH King Charles III on 6th May 2023.

The bench was purchased at a cost of £610 plus VAT with installation to be charged under the parish day.

