# **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 backThe parish council has agreed to participate in a network of parishes raising Highways issues to raise the profile of outstanding work.

### 2. Land Slipping into Drainage Culvert at Coltsfoot Green

See item 10 on the Agenda.

The clerk asked for advice as to how to resolve this problem from the Environment Agency, who advised that it is the landowners responsibility. At the clerk's request this was referred to the Environment Agency's Local Partnership and Strategic Overview Team for guidance, who have now referred back to Suffolk County Council as the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFI) for the area. It appears that the nature of the work to be undertaken will not require consent, but an enquiry has been submitted on the basis of the most recent quote received. Awaiting a response. 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. Three proposals for work to address this have been received and funding has been allocated in the 2022/23 budget (£2750.00).

#### 3. Maintenance in Cemetery

Works to remove infestations of ivy in the hedge bounding cemetery road and replant with privet or natural hedging had been raised. Work to establish the footway between The Meadows and the Memorial Social Centre resulted in SCC Highways project team taking out the Cemetery Hedge without consulting with the parish. SCC has now completed the re-instatement of a new hedge made up of native species (see plan attached at Appendix A).

#### 4. Chapel of Rest

Ideally a new smart meter should be fitted for the electricity supply. This would need to be fitted at a lower level in future, and therefore the clerk has again approached the Carnival Committee and Wickhambrook Players (whose scenery is stored to the right of the doors) to identify a mutually convenient date to re-organise space within the Chapel. A response is awaited from Wickhambrook Players.

## 5. New Railings at War Memorial Entrance

The railings have now been completed, painted and cured. The railings have been delivered and awaiting installation.



