

## **Clerks report [Updates shown in blue](#)**

This report is for information only, although councillors may specify items to be taken forward to a future agenda.

### Community Governance Review

Minute 21.192 refers. I have briefly discussed Community Governance Reviews with Danny Moody at Northants CALC to check my understanding of the processes. He has an expectation that North Northamptonshire Council will initiate review across the whole North Northamptonshire area in 2023-24. Therefore it would be appropriate for the Parish Council to undertake some preparatory work ahead of that review rather than request a formal review now. [I have drafted a report for consideration at a future council meeting.](#)

### Safer surfacing under the large climbing frame

Minute 21.199 refers. [Completed. Return visit required by contractor as first treatment was not satisfactory.](#)

### Grant application for bollards on Church Street

A grant application OPFCC submitted. Awaiting decision. [Further information requested and supplied.](#)

### Grant for upgrading the church floodlights

Unsuccessful so far

### Path between Spencer Parade and Mansfield Street

Phoenix Paving have been instructed. [Complete.](#)

### Upgrade of flood lights at St Laurence Church

Minute 22.23 j work instructed. [Completed 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022.](#)

### Cemetery

The future of provision at the cemetery has not been considered since before the pandemic. The Environment Agency has introduced new regulations dictating that the surface area of each grave should be a minimum of 5m<sup>2</sup> but this does not apply to existing cemeteries, only new cemeteries or extensions.

Council time needs to be given to both the potential extension to the cemetery and a review of how the existing remaining space is used. The existing area for ashes interment is reaching capacity and a new area needs to be determine. This is separate to the suggestion of a 'natural' ashes area. [Included on July agenda.](#)

### Fencing at Parish Fields

The PC has previously agreed to purchase the necessary timber to repair the fences and gates as required and R Cade would undertake the work. This is outstanding.

### Safer crossing over A45

Highways England asked for an update 28/04/22. Substantive response outstanding. Chased 20/06/22. [HE are considering giving the roundabout a different status so that the grass will be cut more frequently. This has been cut at the end of June.](#)

### Junction improvements at Wetenhall Rd

Taylor Wimpey are preparing their road space application and envisage a start date around 3 months from the end of May – say the start of September – then we're looking at a 20-week programme.

### Remedial work to church boundary wall

Further to Minute 22.23 i additional quotes required. Site meetings held with Councillors and quotes requested. Church warden has advised that a faculty will not be required as it will be a like for like repair.

#### Mobile phone signal

Minute 22.24 d action required

#### Outstanding items with Northants Highways

- Haloes for zebra crossing lights
- Welcome to Stanwick signs on Chelveston Road and Higham Road
- Replacement signage around Arris Land junction
- Reinstatement of county verge on west bound carriageway on West Street
- Bollards on High Street – waiting on grant application
- Condition of stone wall on West Street near the Speed sign – repair scheduled for w/c25/07/22

#### Outstanding works

- Re-bedding of paving slabs in church yard (minute 21.112 refers, October)
- Main church path
- Repairs to bus shelter
- Cleaning of bus shelters (this is important, particularly in winter as road salt corrodes the fabric of the shelters)