

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. [Complaint re standard of work issued by PC 15th August 2022. Awaiting formal response/outcome](#)

Grant application for bollards on Church Street

A grant application OPFCC submitted. Awaiting decision. Further information requested and supplied.

[Church path](#)

[Main path – waiting for Diocese](#)

[Side path on east side – some slabs need re-setting to make them stable. Action required](#)

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 5m² 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. Decisions deferred. [Items on September agenda, including suggestion that a separate working party is created.](#)

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. [Discussion item on Sept agenda](#)

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.

Mobile phone signal

Minute 22.24 d action required

[Tree on public open space behind Manningham Road](#)

Minute 22.51 b Need to devise scheme and obtain costs for work to be undertaken autumn 2023. Resident raising the issue advised 22/08/22. Other residents to be advised once scheme agreed by PC

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

Briefing report prepared for meeting 15th Sept

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)