

Clerks Report December 2020

The annual playground inspection has been completed by David Bracey and the extensive report has been received. The findings are all deemed low risk and mainly consist of the need to change the warning signs on the equipment to remove the reference to age of users to height of user instead. He has also recommended monitoring of any splits or knots in the wood elements of the equipment. I will review and share the full report at the next meeting and look to purchase new signage where appropriate as we have funds allocated within the budget for equipment maintenance. I will also discuss in detail with Liz in order for her to undertake the monitoring advised.

Following updates from Councillors last month I can confirm that I contacted Norfolk County Council to report a light out on the corner of Mill Street and Woodward Avenue. This was repaired within 5 days and the resident who reported this to Councillor Barrett thanked him for the swift action and prompt repair. Highways have confirmed that they have inspected the damaged verge on Brackenwoods following a request from a resident to Councillor Bateman for this to be looked at. They have confirmed that they agree repairs are required and this work has been scheduled into their work. Norfolk County Council have also inspected the trees at the old school and have stated that these do not meet their criteria for them to be cut back at present but will continue to monitor.

Following queries received from residents regarding salt bins and whether more could be made available in the village I have contacted Norfolk County Council to gather information on what the current process is regarding these. They have acknowledged my query and have stated they will revert in due course.

Following the road works last month where we had signs at the top of Tuns Road stating 'road ahead closed' there was a number of residents who complained that the signage was extremely misleading and indeed we heard reports that the signs were causing issues due to where they were placed. I have written to Norfolk County Council asking them to please consider where they place the signs, noting that not only are they misleading and sending people on unnecessary detours but where they are placed could be dangerous and cause accidents, especially on the corner of the A47. They have acknowledged they have received my letter but I am yet to receive a response.

The website has now been updated with an accessibility and cookies policy to meet new Government guidelines. I liaised with Helen Carrier at NALC and used the recommended online programme to scan the website to check compliance and the standard statement has been added as a footer. The statement is a template provided by the Government and the wording must remain unchanged except to denote where the website doesn't meet guidelines.

I have received a number of nominations already for our Community Awards, I will continue to remind residents in the monthly Link inserts. If the Councillors have any nominations of their own or those passed to them from residents please email me with the details.