

Clerks Report November 2021

The missing sign for 'Ketts Hill' has been reported to Breckland and confirmation has been received from them that this is being investigated by them. The speed sign on St Andrews Lane which has been turned has also been reported to NCC.

Work on the allotments was started last week and has been completed. The contractor sent me videos showing immediate improvements in the drainage. Images showed surface water being drained away. He also confirmed that when they were laying the trenches they discovered old land drains crossing the new drain and they have connected these up which will, no doubt improve the drainage for the whole area. Some fencing had to be rolled back to allow their machinery access and it was noted that posts that were temporarily removed were rotted so these have been replaced in order for him to make good the fencing when the job was completed. This should now ensure that the flooding issues experienced at the allotments earlier this year do not occur again.

As agreed at the last meeting a letter has been sent to the owner of 7 Ketts Hill to request that the hedge is cut back to allow the path to be unobstructed. The address was obtained from the planning application that is available on Breckland's website. The owner has replied just today and confirmed he arranged for the hedge to be cut back yesterday.

The grant that was applied for under the Breckland Green Community Grant Scheme was unsuccessful. We were hoping to receive funding to assist with the purchase of the bike shelter. We have been informed that the scheme was extremely popular and was vastly oversubscribed.

Following agreement at last month's meeting to investigate the possibility of a workshop with Vattenfall to explore their Community Fund I have made contact with both Vattenfall and George Freeman MP. We are currently looking at dates for this to be held that can be accommodated by all diaries and are hoping this can go ahead in January here at the Community centre. Both Vattenfall and George feel it would be beneficial to maximise attendance by inviting interested parties from neighbouring villages that are affected. I am led to believe that Vattenfall will organise the event and invite list but I will provide more details once plans are progressing.