

Clerks Report August 2022

The SAM 11 is now repaired and positioned in the village by the caretaker according to the monthly schedule.

The caretaker has completed a number of big jobs over the last month. He has repainted the village sign at the top of Tuns Road using paint we already had, he has treated and re stained the benches and wooden hut known as Treasure Island in the play area and has made repairs to the hut by replacing some of the rotten timber. He has been carrying out work on the roof at the community centre and hopefully this will fix the damp and leaking issues we have experienced. We need to wait until we get some decent rainfall before he is able to confirm the issues are resolved. He has also cleaned the bus stops at the A47 as they were extremely dirty.

I have reported a number of potholes in Mill Street and Elizabeth Drive to NCC, hopefully these will be repaired soon. The fallen speed sign at Tuns Road/ A47 junction has been reported and fly tipping in the River Wissey at the bridge has also been reported.

I have emailed Breckland Council in regards to Necton in Bloom. I have provided a Word document detailing the tubs, flowerbed and spring bulbs locations including the grid references and requested the required licences. As soon as I hear back from them I will provide you with an update.

As part of work being considered by the Necton in Bloom party there was a question raised regarding signage at the entrances to the village that confirm you are entering Necton and it was noted that we don't have any! The working party were considering tubs or planters underneath these, as seen in other villages. I therefore made enquiries regarding signs with Councillor Mark Kiddle- Morris and he is going to look into this, albeit he will not include anything for the entrance from the A47 at Tuns road until after we know the exact details regarding the junction improvements.

I made contact with NCC Highways department following the decision made by Council last month to request a reduced speed limit on St Andrews Lane. I received a comprehensive reply from them which has been shared to all Councillors. It confirms that when setting speed limits and weight limits, Norfolk County Council applies the Norfolk Speed Management Strategy which is closely related to the National Department for Transport guidance contained in Circular 1/2013. They further confirmed they have also checked the accident record for St Andrews Lane and there have been no accidents recorded over this stretch. When taking into account the traffic flow, this equates to an accident rate below what they would expect for a rural class road.

The County Council has a route hierarchy that defines roads according to their function and level of use. From this network the aim is to provide routes to communities and are designated Local Access Routes, HGV Access Routes and Tourist Routes. The destinations are signed from the main road networks via the appropriate access routes. The hierarchy also determines the maintenance priority in terms of inspection frequency and winter service treatment. The route hierarchy was reviewed a number of years ago and was the subject of extensive consultation. At present there are no plans to review it.

We have received a letter of thanks from Silver Threads for the donation we made towards their coach trip to Great Yarmouth.

Finally, the external audit has now been completed by PKF Littlejohn. The notices will be put on the board and websites as required and I can confirm they had no findings or questions so, another year with a clean bill of health.