

Clerks Report November 2022

I was made aware that there were issues with some of the street lights in Brackenwoods. I asked Wetcotec to investigate and they have confirmed there are three lights not working. One due to a faulty LED and the other two because there is no power supply to them. Westcotec are looking into getting the faulty LED repaired by the manufacturers under warranty. They have fitted a temporary light until ours is repaired and returned to us. I reported the other two to UKPN for them to take forward as they are responsible for the supply to the columns and I have received confirmation these are now fully operational.

A light in St Andrews Way was also reported as not working as this is being investigated as well.

The annual play inspection has been arranged and should take place any day now. The caretaker is hoping to finish all of the work including rust removal and repainting of the gym equipment in the next few weeks. He has investigated the issues with the Explorer and the roundabout. I can confirm the replacement parts on the Explorer have been ordered and replaced but he cannot access the centre of the roundabout to see what is causing the issues. Therefore, I will need to investigate instructing a specialist firm to take a look and provide a price for the work to be done.

I am also in discussions with the company who installed the play area as two of the wooden poles need replacing. These are under a 20 year guarantee, unfortunately the labour to remove and replace is not included within this guarantee- just the poles themselves. I have been told they will take a look and let me know the cost, I took the opportunity of a potential site visit from them to ask them to look at the play area surfacing. There are a number of areas that are quite worn. Whilst these have been patched up using the mulch repair kit the caretaker has informed me that we may want to consider re- surfacing in some areas as patching up is not a long term solution. Obviously I shall await their opinion and seek other opinions and quotes before we decide on next steps but, it is worth noting that this could be an expensive exercise if re- surfacing is required.

It was brought to my attention that the bridge into the allotments and dog walking area is in need of repair, the caretaker has taken a look and confirms this is the case but it is a relatively small job. I thereafter contacted the landlord and he has confirmed they will take forward the repairs as this falls under their remit.

Norfolk County Council have agreed to take ownership of the piece of land at the Tuns Road junction with the A47 in readiness for the works to widen and improve the junction. I have confirmed our usual solicitor is happy to take on the instruction to complete the legal work and NCC will be covering all costs. We have been informed that works should start here early 2023.

Finally, just to confirm I sent NCC details of where Necton in Bloom would like to place planters and plant spring bulbs on 11th October in order to obtain a licence. This included the completed application form from their website. I sent a further email chasing on 1st November as I had not had a response. As of yet I am yet to receive any response from them so I will now ask Councillor Mark Kiddle-Morris to assist in this matter.