

Clerks Report December 2022

The lights in the car park were reported as not always working by a resident and upon checking these I observed they were faltering and not illuminating correctly. As you know there are three lights there, one was replaced last year with a new LED lamp but the other two were the old style orange lights. After discussing this with the contractor we agreed to replace the old style lights as they were clearly starting to fail and were also not energy efficient. These have now been installed and we have 3 LED lights in car park that not only work correctly but are more energy efficient than those they replaced.

I was also informed of a leaning light column in Wyndfields by a resident. Councillor Jennings kindly inspected this for me and provided a video which confirmed this to be the case. The video confirmed that the column was quite wobbly at the base where it goes into the ground. I contacted our contractor and I am pleased to confirm this has now been fixed and it is safe again.

Councillor Bateman reported to me that the Trod on Hale Road was in danger of becoming flooded due to blocked drains and gullies running alongside it. I reported this to NCC and they have inspected and confirmed they will undertake the work required to resolve this issue, they confirmed this could take up to six weeks for them to resolve.

I emailed our solicitors on 30th November to enquire as to whether the first registration of the PC's and NRCC's land had been completed yet. As you know we were made aware that there are backlogs with Land Registry but as it had been some months I asked for an update. They confirmed Land Registry are still working through large back logs and are stating first registrations are taking between 10 and 12 months to complete. Our solicitors will keep us updated with any developments.

The fruit trees for the allotment area have been purchased along with three silver birches that were agreed as part of the Jubilee celebrations for the Marlpit, these will be planted in due course.

The play inspection has been completed and I have the full report. The inspection has produced a medium risk score overall. After reading through the two areas that have contributed to this are the roundabout which we know has seized and, as suspected and identified by the caretaker the surface around the cable wire. I have spoken to Baz at fenland leisure, the company who installed the MUGA and discussed these issues as they need specialist attention. I have sent him a copy of the report and he will come back to me with his thoughts and quotes. Once I have these we can decide on next steps and whether further quotes are required.

Finally, I have now created a new page on our website with all the Neighbourhood Plan information. It still requires some more additions which I am waiting for from our consultant but all the agendas, minutes and other documentation is available to be seen.