

# Clerks Report February 2023

I am monitoring the repair work on the trod at Holme Hale, NCC confirmed they would take forward the works required towards the end of November and they usually work to a 6-week schedule. As we had Christmas and then extremely cold weather during then and now I am going to give them another couple of weeks before chasing for an update. This is still showing as an open case on our online account with them and therefore they will be aware it is not resolved yet.

I have also reported the issues with the ditch on the bend at Mill Street, this is still being investigated by NCC and I am awaiting an update from them regarding this area.

I also contacted the landlord in regards to the repairs needed on the bridge at the allotments/dog walking area. He has apologised for the delay and confirmed this is on their 'to do' list. Obviously the harsh weather has impacted on them being able to undertake jobs but he has confirmed this will be addressed as soon as possible.

I have received an update from National Highways regarding the junction improvement and Alice, our contact there has confirmed that they have had some issues with the design at the Dunham Road junction. The design required some 3<sup>rd</sup> party land and it would appear securing this could take a number of years. They have therefore asked their designers to produce a revised proposal for Dunham Road. This is currently being finalised and should be ready by the end of February. They were then hoping to be in a position to commence the works in late March, however, they have been unable to coordinate their works with the Vattenfall works taking place so they are now looking to start work in April.

As agreed at the last meeting I obtained the final quotes to convert the street lights and I have instructed this works to commence. As agreed this will be paid for in the next financial year which commences 1<sup>st</sup> April. In the meantime, I have made contact with Rachel at TMS Media as she has requested the information in order to explore any funding for this from Vattenfall's Community Funding. I have confirmed to her that the switching off in the small hours will save us approximately £1700 per year in our lighting bills and therefore the capital cost will be repaid within 3 ½ years. I haven't received a response from her as of yet.

Finally, the Necton Allotment Association contacted me to inform me that some of the fencing had been damaged by the car park. It appears that there are a couple of members of the public who are climbing over the fencing instead of walking the extra few yards around to the gated entrance to the dog walking area. Allotmenters have witnessed this happening by the same regular offenders and it now appears the fence posts have been compromised. They have on this occasion repaired the area free of charge and in their own time. I will mention this in the next copy of the Link as clearly the fencing is there to keep the area enclosed and a safe area for dogs. If there is further damage, then the PC will need to pay to get it repaired. I will continue to monitor the situation with the Allotment Association who will provide me with updates and in the meantime I will arrange for a notice to be put there.