

Clerks Report October 2023

The overgrown Trod at Rams Lane on Hale Road was reported as overgrown as well as the hedge/ trees at the junction with Kingfisher Drive. NCC agreed to remedy these issues. I also reported the lack of road markings in Mill Street and NCC confirmed they are already aware of this and the work is already scheduled to be done.

A resident has contacted me to express concern at the number of cars that are parking on the kerb around the village. Whilst he is aware that this isn't illegal unless there are restrictions in place he has asked this be mentioned to see if this inspires residents to think twice about their parking habits.

Following the agreement of Council at the last meeting I have registered our expression of interest with regards to the grant funding for defibrillators. I was informed more information would be made available in the future.

The conveyancing of the parcel of land at the junction with the A47 was fully completed just in time. As we know work commenced there on Monday 25th September and the paperwork was finalised on the preceding Friday afternoon. I have received a copy of our solicitor's legal costs which confirm NCC have paid these in full as per the agreement.

The street lighting billing is now resolved. As previously mentioned when we went to part night time light a new MPAN number was created. Unfortunately, the new MPAN was allocated to the time when the lights were on and the original MPAN was therefore allocated to when the lights were off, hence the bills were de-energised by SSE as there was no charge. What they failed to do was register the new MPAN, hence no bills for when the lights were on. This was resolved but it then highlighted an issue which I identified. When we entered into our 3-year contract with SSE this new MPAN did not exist and this now meant we didn't have a contract for our street lighting when it's on. After lengthy discussions and various phone calls and emails it was determined that a new contract had to be entered into. This contract is for 12 months and will take us as close to the existing contract as possible and the good news is that the price per kwh is 2 pence less the original contract. SSE will be arranging for our bill to be backdated to this rate from when the error occurred,

Finally, I have received confirmation from our solicitors that the land owned by the PC and NRCC is now fully registered at Land Registry. I have printed the electronic official copy of the register and as with all Land registry information further copies can be downloaded online. Our solicitor will arrange for all the historic paperwork he has to be returned to County Archives as these were sent there some years ago by the Parish Council.