

Clerks Report December 2023

David Bracey has completed the annual inspection of the play area and the overall risk score is low to medium. There are no new concerns and the areas highlighted as needing attention are things such as weeds around the area and some caps needing replacing.

All licences from NCC required for the benches have been agreed and we have taken delivery of the three benches. TTSR have these stored and are hoping to install as soon as possible.

I have arranged for further quotes for the new fencing and once I have the 3 quotes these can be considered at the next meeting.

I have completed the application to Parish Partnership for a grant for the installation of village gates. I have had confirmation that they have received the application and they have stated we will hear whether we have been successful or not in March 2024.

The replacement rubbish bin for outside the church has been ordered and received by Councillor Bateman. This will be installed by himself and Councillor Hayton following their kind offer to complete this. I am still in discussions with Breckland regarding a dog poo bin to be installed at the bridge entrance to the allotment and dog walking area.

A resident has asked me to report a blocked drain outside 35 Elizabeth Drive and another resident asked me to report the bridge from Chantry Court to Chantry Lane has a hazardous surface following a resident falling here last weekend when we had the sharp frosts. Both have been reported to NCC.

Finally, following the advertisement for the caretaker role we have received 4 applications. The personnel committee and myself are meeting to formulate the interviews and these will be held as soon as possible.