



# COGGESHALL PARISH COUNCIL

## Clerk Report: August 2022 – Philippa Potter

- Cemetery shed – this is now in situ behind the Chapel. It is on paving slabs so that we are able to move it as/when necessary.
- Planning – Change of use application is about to be submitted to BDC, for the new cemetery ashes plot area.
- Playground maintenance/quotes – I have been obtaining quotes for general maintenance and repair at all three sites, following the recent Annual Inspection Report. These will be brought to Council once they are all in and a recommendation can be made.
- Vandalism – we have had graffiti at the School Mews play area, which has been removed, and one of the seats on the new equipment at the Recreation Ground has been cut, requiring a new one. This seat will cost in the region of £250 to replace, together with fitting cost.
- Boiler quotes for the Village Hall – we are still struggling with a third quote. I am hoping to bring this issue to the next CPC meeting for a final decision.
- Liaison has been taking place with Proludic regarding various issues with the new equipment, where the fixings have come loose and one of the swings fell down. There are also problems with the wooden slatted bridge, which has been referred to their head office with a design fault.
- Liaison has also taken place with our Playground Inspectors regarding these issues, along with a query on the large splits which are opening on the wooden posts and beams.
- The outstanding items from Phase 2 of the playground build – 4 x bird boxes – have finally arrived and been installed by Proludic.
- Quotes for the Chapel – I am receiving quotes for the most immediate work to be undertaken at the Chapel, to remove and store the roof slates/ridge tiles, and to weatherproof the roof until a more permanent repair or renovation can take place.
- Office redecoration: I have started to clear out the filing room and cleaning up prior to painting commencing. I have also sourced a number of beekeepers to come and advise on how we can remove the bees' nest humanely from the roof space.
- An ECC Local Highways Panel consultation is currently out regarding the installation of dropped kerbs on East Street.
- A 'soft' Traffic Regulation Order consultation has taken place regarding the possibility of a residents' parking scheme – Bridge Street/The Gravel to inform NEPP whether it is a viable proposal to take forward.
- Broken bridge over culvert in The Gravel – Reported to ECC, however, no response has yet been received. The Clerk will chase this up via the ECC Cabinet Member.
- Overgrown footpath, Colne Road – ECC Cabinet Member Lee Scott has chased Highways Officers for a response further to the advice that they are obtaining details on the ownership of adjacent land. No further response has been received.