



COGGESHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk Report: November 2022 – Philippa Potter

- The new fence extension has been installed at the Recreation Ground playground, which will provide a shady seating area. Parts of the old fence have also been repaired.
- The planning permission for the new Garden of Remembrance for ashes interments at the cemetery has been granted. Quotes for the initial landscaping are being sought.
- The village hall boiler is being worked on and is $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way to being fixed. A further part is required which is currently on order and the repair will be completed as soon as this is received.
- The Chapel at the cemetery will have the tree work undertaken at the end of this month. This is to cut the trees back from the roof of the Chapel to enable roofing work to be undertaken and to protect it from damage from the trees.
- The RFO and Clerk are working with the Council's insurers to ensure that public liability insurance is agreed for the Chapel, as it is currently not in place due to the need for the roof to be made safe, but it should then be back on risk once the work has been completed. The fencing around the Chapel has been moved further away from the building to remove the public from the proximity of falling roof tiles, which has required the footpath to be closed with a diversion in place. As soon as the roofing work has been completed the fencing can be pushed back towards the building to open the footpath.
- The Parish Council have also received compensation from the previous insurance company with regard to the poor customer service received during the Council's claim for business interruption during the COVID pandemic. The total payment was in the sum of £1042.05, which was made up of interest due to the time taken to settle the complaint, and an amount for inconvenience caused.
- BDC have provided CPC with a fourth bin, situated in the car park, for the storage of waste from the litter and dog bins emptied by CPC, which is collected by BDC once a week. The amount of waste collected by CPC staff each week has risen sharply and we had run out of space. The cause of the rise is not certain, but there has been an increase in what appears to be normal household waste in black bin bags being put in the litter bins. The situation is being monitored.
- The Parish Council van broke down at the start of last week, which severely impacted the provision of our services to the village. It has been repaired for the moment, but a replacement needs to be sought as soon as possible.

Philippa Potter

Parish Clerk

15 November 2022