

Clerk Report – July 2022

- Updated structural report undertaken on the Chapel, with recommendations for immediate action to be taken to preserve the building in the short-medium term.
- Plaques for the Church Green benches have been installed.
- The missing basketball hoop for the Recreation Ground has been replaced.
- Unfortunately, we have had some more vandalism at the Recreation Ground playground, with a couple of fence posts being kicked out. Our grounds staff have repaired.
- Some vandalism has also taken place at the Village Hall, where brickwork on the roof of the porch/lobby has been pulled/kicked down.
- Fly-tipping continues to occur fairly regularly at the recycling banks in the Stoneham Street Car Park. BDC are working on installing a temporary CCTV camera there to try to deter, or catch those who dump bags there.
- The Clerk, and County Cllr Thorogood have both been in contact with ECC Cabinet Member Cllr Scott to address the issue of the overgrown vegetation along the pavement on Colne Road, adjacent to the Honeywood playing field. It is the responsibility of ECC to ensure this is done, and the Clerk is actively lobbying for the situation to be rectified.
- The broken cover on the pavement on Market Hill has now been repaired.
- The wobbly lamppost on Stoneham Street has been taken down, but the bottom part is still in situ, with yellow hazard tape around it. This is the quickest way to make the lamppost safe but it is a bit of an eyesore. The Clerk will chase for its permanent removal.
- The 'top six' potholes in the Parish were sent to County Cllr Thorogood, to be repaired under ECC's urgent programme.
- One of the pieces of equipment in the Recreation Ground playground has been taken out of use as the brackets on the wooden bridge have broken and come away. The suppliers are coming out to fix the equipment as soon as the parts have been received.

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