



COGGESHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk Report: March 2023 – Philippa Potter

- Repair work has been undertaken at the Clock Tower to one of the ladders.
- One of the benches at the Millennium Gardens has been taken away for repair and repainting, and should be back with us very soon.
- We have been able to secure funding to purchase new plants for the flower beds at the front of the War Memorial, which will be very kindly planted and looked after by Coggeshall in Bloom.
- The Commonwealth War Graves Commission have asked for permission to put up a sign to show that there are 6 war graves within Coggeshall Cemetery. We have of course agreed, and the sign will be put up in the near future.
- The first issue of the Coggeshall News Magazine was delivered to houses in the parish at the beginning of March. We have had some really positive feedback for this, which we are very pleased about. The magazine is for us to be able to communicate with parishioners and to pass on news about the work we are doing, but it is also there for local groups and organisations to contribute to. Please contact the Clerk if you wish to share an article for the next issue, which is due to be published in June (deadline for copy will be around the beginning of May).
- Sadly, there has been further vandalism at the Recreation Ground play area, with one of the climbing frame bridges being quite badly damaged, putting the equipment out of use. We are working on a repair, but this will take some time to cost and arrange. The police have been informed and are aiming to step up patrols in this area in the evenings.
- The Parish Council elections are coming up on 4 May, along with elections for Braintree District Council. If you wish to stand as a Parish Councillor, please go to the Electoral Commission website for information and a Nomination Form at this link: <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/parish-council-elections-england>
- The Council's Recreation Sub-Committee are currently consulting on the refurbishment of the play area at Fabian's Close. Please keep an eye out for this around the parish, or contact the Clerk with your views.

Philippa Potter
Parish Clerk
14 March 2023