

## **Clerk's Report – October 2023**

- The gates in front of the War Memorial at the Recreation Ground have been repainted, along with the double access gates.
- We are undertaking repairs and maintenance to the shelter at the Recreation Ground. The guttering has been repaired and we will be undertaking clearing of the gutters and other general work over the autumn/winter season.
- The see-saw equipment has been reinstated at the Recreation Ground play area.
- Some unsafe memorials have been identified at the cemetery. These have been marked and are to be repaired and made safe by a stone mason as soon as possible. The five-yearly inspections of memorials will be undertaken in sections over the next few months.
- Council office repairs: Following the honeycomb removal, the electrics have been checked and passed as safe. Repair to the ceiling now being pursued.
- The Parish Council are working with Coggeshall Christmas on this year's event.
- Increased WiFi provision has been installed in the Village Hall Keys Room, and has also been extended to the Museum, to enable internet access for the benefit of the running of the museum and its visitors.
- Fly-tipping of green waste in the cemetery is continuing. This is particularly frustrating in the areas which we have cleared. The cemetery gates will return to being locked at the end of each day and over the weekend.
- There are also continuing high levels of fly-tipping at the clothing bank in the Stoneham Street car park, even with the deterrence cameras in situ. Each incident is reported to BDC for them to check the camera footage for evidence.
- The Fabian's Playground contract is out to tender on the Contracts Finder website, with a deadline for response being 27 October.
- Following a Member's Enquiry submitted by County Cllr Thorogood, ECC Highways responded to advise that they undertook weed spraying in Coggeshall in June and September.
- The new knitted poppy nets for Remembrance are almost complete. We have had a big response, and will have two full nets to decorate the Recreation Ground walls in front of the War Memorial again this year.
- CPC has applied for some funding towards community gardens, which is being administered by Braintree District Council. We are hoping for some funding towards further planting and other initiatives to boost biodiversity in the Brian Tebbut and Millennium Gardens.
- Street light repairs have been undertaken with 3 in Queen Street recently.

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