

Meeting Month	December 2022
BURIAL GROUNDS	Working party cleared paths and cut back vegetation in the Cemetery on 20/11. One new quotation received for Cemetery mowing, other leads are being followed up. During this year's asset check it was noted that one or more of the wooden posts supporting the handrail alongside the Cemetery path have become unstable - options for replacement or repair are under investigation.
ROADS AND VERGES	Further complaint received regarding overgrown vegetation obstructing footpath alongside A361, reported again via fixmystreet. Report acknowledged by Highways but no action plan advised as yet. Environment Agency responded that they are not responsible for the Nene where it flows behind Bridge House, and that it falls under the local council (WNC Flood and Water Management?). Quotations obtained for replacement dog waste bin on Nene Side Close to replace existing one which is in poor condition. Quotations obtained for replacement noticeboards on Main Street and Pinfold Green, in "man-made timber" i.e. plastic. Permissions may be required from WNC (Highways and Planning).
TREES AND GREENS	Jubilee oak planted on The Green on 25/11 and commemorative plaque installed. Highways finally attended to low hanging/dead branches of horse chestnuts on Pinfold Green.
PARISH WORKS	Small working party carried out clearance in the Cemetery on 20/11 (see above). Dates and tasks to be agreed for future working parties.
FOOTPATHS	Historic England have issued guidance regarding the clearing of vegetation from the stream in view of the proximity of the Scheduled Ancient Monument. Highways' advice is being sought as it may be necessary to raise the level of the footpath. In the meantime, on a permissive and temporary basis only, the landowner is allowing people to walk along the fence inside the field as long as dogs are kept on lead.
PLAYING FIELD AND ALLOTMENTS	At the time of writing this report, tree project trees were due for delivery on 9/12.
VILLAGE HALL AND PLAY AREA	Nothing to report.
DEFIBRILLATOR	Heated cabinet for defibrillator on Church Green now connected and operational. At the November meeting, it was agreed to look into providing training for the public.

POLICE LIAISON	MT attended the meeting on 7/11 of the Northamptonshire Police Commissioner with parish and town council Police Liaison reps, at which there were presentations by the Chief Constable, Chief Fire Officer and Chief Finance Officer (see MT's full report circulated separately). The meetings are monthly by Zoom, typically after the parish council meeting. The next is scheduled for 19/12.
PLANNING	New planning application for work to trees subject to Tree Preservation Order DA4, at 17 The Glebe. Extensive excavations noted to farmland alongside Catesby Lane, including creation of widened access. In the absence of any planning notification, WNC Ward Councillors recommend contacting the landowner for more information about the purpose of the works.
WEBSITE/FACEBOOK	Nothing to report.
NEWSLETTER	Work underway on Winter 2022 issue of Parish News, to be distributed to all households with January/February "Link" magazine.
OTHER	TH attended NCALC's online climate change conference which included presentations by Shrewsbury Town Council and WNC on their respective approaches to the issue, and a climate change impact tool that may be useful in identifying actions. The e-petition set up by MT calling for the Stagecoach 200 bus service to be saved achieved a total of 815 signatures before it closed on 30/11. MT and JH also interviewed bus travellers and relayed their views to SCP Transport, the consultants engaged to carry out a bus network review for WNC.