

Meeting Month	April 2024
BURIAL GROUNDS	Contact has been made with the family regarding a loose headstone in the Cemetery and they have agreed to repair it. A new interment is scheduled for Monday 8 April, ref. the late Michael Wilcox. The second cut of the season was carried out at the Cemetery and Churchyard on 27 March.
ROADS AND VERGES	WNC's Building Control department have replaced the old green street name signs, although there was no prior notification to nor consultation with the parish council. The current supply contract with SSE for street light electricity expires on 31 May and new quotations are being sought.
TREES AND GREENS	Cutting Edge have been contracted to carry out the minor works recommended in the latest bi-annual tree audit and (subject to planning approval) to fell the willow in front of Marriott House on Stoneway owing to the diagnosis of advanced decay in the primary stem.
PARISH WORKS	Installation of the new noticeboards is still awaited. A proposal and costing is also awaited from the Parish Works working party for a new roof for the Daventry-direction bus shelter (as well as a report regarding the condition of the other bus shelter).
FOOTPATHS	Nothing new to report.
PLAYING FIELD AND ALLOTMENTS	Removal of the fallen tree on the edge of the Playing Field is underway. Walkers have been asked to keep to the footpath in Fennell's Field and not to cut across into the picnic area where they have damaged the fence. The landowner will replace the fence and plant new hedging. James Burton has kindly made two rustic benches for the picnic area and installed them with the help of a parish council working party.
VILLAGE HALL AND PLAY AREA	Nothing new to report.
DEFIBRILLATORS	Both defibrillators continue to be checked regularly and their status reported on The Circuit national defibrillator network website .
POLICE LIAISON	There has been no meeting of parish councils with the Police Commissioner since the last parish council meeting, nor will there be until after elections for the Police Commissioner in early May. The Beat Bus visited Badby on 21 March. Challis Hauliers sent a representative to discuss parking around the junction opposite the Maltsters as it is becoming increasingly difficult for their lorries. They requested that the Parish Council agree to signs discouraging parking near the junction on and asking Maltsters customers to use the car park. Also, a sign warning visiting HGV drivers not to try to exit the village via Bunkers Hill, following the incident earlier in the month when a petrol tanker got stuck on the bend at the bottom of Church Hill. Perhaps the cost of the signs could be shared?

	There have been two significant thefts locally since last report - theft of tools from a vehicle at Fawsley, and of a tractor mower at Litchborough. The re-arranged date for the village walkabout with PCSO Tara Cooksammy is Thursday 11 April 2.30pm-3.30pm. The route will be: High Street, Church Hill, Bunkers Hill, Church Green, Brookside Way, The Glebe, School Lane, Pound Lane, Nene Close (anti-clockwise figure of 8).
PLANNING	Three new planning applications have been received and will be considered at the next parish council meeting on 8 April: 2024/1441/FULL ref. works including alterations and a ground floor extension at Corner House, Stoneway 2023/7800/FULL ref. a new window to the side of the property at 4 The Glebe 2024/1550/TPO requesting permission to remove three mature oak trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order at 17 The Glebe Details can be viewed via Planning Applications – Badby Parish Council (badby-pc.gov.uk). The planning and Listed Building Consent applications ref. works at Rosewood Cottage, Church Green, will be heard by WNC's Planning Committee on 3 April.
WEBSITE/FACEBOOK	Nothing new to report.
NEWSLETTER	Nothing new to report.
OTHER	Expressions of interest have been received but no formal applications yet ref. the vacancy for a co-opted councillor. It was agreed at the March meeting of the parish council to call the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 24 April, and to revert to a more informal social event with refreshments. Local groups, clubs and societies have been invited to send representatives and to take a table where they can meet parishioners and showcase their activities.