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## Mattishall Parish Council



Picture above: Village green decorated to commemorate Remembrance Day

Picture right: Poppy wreaths placed at village green war memorial



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The items below relate to actions/resolutions from the 2 November meeting:

Item 9: The moving of the gate on Dereham Road at All Saints Church is due to be carried out in December.

Item 10: The Parish Partnership bid for the curbing on the junction of Dereham Road and Church Plain has been submitted. The outcome is due in March 2021.

Item 12: The Evangelical Church have been contacted regarding the possibility of using their car park for the village and I am awaiting their response.

Item 13: Some businesses have been contacted regarding unauthorised signage and where this has not been removed, as requested, the council have arranged for this to be done. This will be an ongoing process.

Item 15: The flowerbeds by the village signs will be tidied by the gardener but not replanted. It was felt that until a handyperson had been hired the replanting could not be seen or maintained and therefore not a cost they could be justified.

Items requiring explanation on the 7 December agenda

Item 8: Mattishall Golf Club have applied to the Caravan and Motorhome Club to operate a 5-pitch site. The Caravan and Motorhome Club have the ability to issue Certified Locations certificates to landowners or tenants to run small touring sites for the exclusive use of its' members. The consultation date has passed but this is a chance for councillors to discuss the principle.

Item 10: Due to the current pandemic, SNAP (Safer Neighbourhood Action Group) meetings have been unable to take place. Norfolk Policing are now looking to reform the SNAP group to follow a model operating in Thetford. This model is an independent body which includes 2 chairs and a secretary.

Item 11: On 15 December Breckland and West Norfolk will be holding a strategic level briefing along with the Local Policing Inspectors and Operational Partnership Inspector. Mattishall Parish Council have been invited to attend.

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## Additional items for information

Play area – this month we have had a few instances where the swings have been left wrapped around the top beam. This has meant that some of our younger residents cannot use them until they have been unwound. I ask that you please leave the area in the same condition that you found it.

Village green – it is wonderful to see that the newly installed football goal is getting lots of use. The council are in discussions to have a gate installed at the back of the village green to make it easier to retrieve any balls that go astray.

Bins – the dog bin at South Green, which was believed to be hit by a vehicle, has now been replaced.

Burgh Lane cemetery – the wall at the entrance is due to be repaired in December. At the end of November, the wall was also hit by a lorry, causing some damage to the corner by the allotments. Repairs are being discussed with the lorry company and local builders.

Internet Speed – James Ellis has been campaigning to get faster internet speed for the parish and has made some great progress. Openreach have confirmed the list of addresses which will be included in the scheme and have confirmed the price for the works. James is now looking for those who are eligible for a government voucher to agree to commit to 12 months broadband service but for this to go ahead he needs 100 houses to sign up. Please email James for more details [james@southgreenfarm.co.uk](mailto:james@southgreenfarm.co.uk)

Handyperson vacancy – the council are looking for someone for approx. 5 hours a week to carry out odd jobs. This has been advertised on our website, Facebook page and the winter edition of Miscellanea. Please contact me if you are interested.

Footpath – residents have highlighted the state of the footpath behind Church Farm, which has been churned up by vehicles accessing the site on Gregs Close. The council have raised this with the landowner who has agreed to restore the footpath shortly.