

Clerk's report

September 2020

Mattishall Parish Council



Top left: Walnut tree over the Swan car park after storm damage

Bottom left: Vole on the pavement of Dereham Road

Top right: Field, from Hall Road, after harvest

Bottom right: Sunset over Mattishall, from Blind Lane

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The items below relate to actions/resolutions from the 7 September meeting:

Item 7: The Youth Club is due to reopen from 2 October for a trial period of 5 weeks. Although the club is currently exempt under Covid Government rules, the meetings will run under strict Covid rules, which will mean each meeting will have 2 bubbles, with 5 in each bubble plus 1 staff member (rule of 6). All attendees will require to prebook any sessions they wish to join, and this will be managed by the YMCA staff.

Item 8: The re-plastering of the wall at the play area has been put on hold while the council decide if any additional maintenance work is required.

Item 9: The SAM2 sign has now been moved to Burgh Lane as requested by resident.

Item 12: A post on Facebook has been made asking for people's views on the advertising signage around the village.

Item 13: The litter pick was reduced to councillors only due to further lockdown measures announced shortly after the meeting. This was then cancelled due to the weather.

The items below relate to actions/resolutions from the 22 September meeting:

The Parish Council submitted their response to the online survey for the consultation – changes to the planning system and sent a letter of objection to the Ministry of Housing Community and Local Government. These are available on the website.

Items requiring explanation on the 5 October agenda

Item 6.4: Abel Homes and Breckland District Council met with some of the Parish Councillors to discuss the possibility of the Parish Council changing their minds with regards to the adoption of the open space at Walnut Tree Farm.

Item 6.5: Breckland District Council met with some of the Parish Councillors to discuss the planning application from Hopkins and Moore on the land south of Dereham Road.

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Item 9: With no handyman in place, more time is spent arranging for maintenance to be carried out by councillors and contractors. Tasks are beginning to accumulate.

Item 11: Some residents have raised concerns about parking in the village. There are safety concerns around parking on Welgate and outside Mattishall News and aesthetic concerns over parking on grassed/planted areas.

Additional items for information

Trees – the walnut tree at the allotments (see picture above) suffered a broken branch during the recent bad weather. This has now been removed.

Allotment – the plot that was given up in August has been split into 2 and is now being cleared by the new holders

All Saints' churchyard wall – repairs have started but the weather has caused a delay in the finishing.

Advertising signage – the council are trying to understand residents' views on the posters appearing around the village. Please visit the Parish Council's Facebook page to have your say.