

Clerk's report

December 2020

Mattishall Parish Council



Photos: Top left – contents of Xmas hampers given to some residents. Top right – sunset view of All Saints' church from Dereham Road. Bottom left – village green with Christmas banners and lite tree. Bottom right – flooding across the road at South Green. Centre – lite Christmas tree on the village green.

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

Item 16: A total of 31 hampers were delivered to local residents just before Christmas. Many thanks to Jo Bishop, Mattishall Volunteer Hub, Mattishall and Burgh Charity, Norfolk Community Foundation, and our Parish Councillors who all worked hard to make this happen.

Items requiring explanation on the 4 January agenda

Item 7: The heavy rainfall that we have experienced during 2020 has seen a number of roads within the Parish flooded. These include, Dereham Road (towards Yaxham), Old Hall Road, Thynnes Lane, South Green and Mattishall Lane. During 2020 residents have contacted me to raise concerns over the flooding and the impact it is having on property, health and safety of road users.

Item 8: Norfolk County Council and Highways England held a meeting on 15 December to provide an update on the NWL. Wensum Valley Alliance are asking for a review of the road schemes and are looking for those who would support this.

Item 9: On 15 December Superintendent Lou Provar, the new District Commander for Breckland and West Norfolk held a strategic level briefing with Cllr Smith attending. The next SNAP meeting is scheduled for 27 January.

Item 13: The council does not currently have a social media policy in place and currently has very little social media presence. To enable the council to develop this further agreeing a policy is key.

Additional items for information

Village green – the council has agreed with the landowner to install a gate at the back of the village green to make it easier to retrieve any balls that go astray. We are currently looking at quotes to get this done and aim to get the gate installed in the spring.

Burgh Lane cemetery – the wall at the entrance has now be repaired but we are still discussing the repairs needed on the corner after it was hit by a lorry in November.

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Handyperson vacancy – we are still looking to fill this position. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please let me know.

Footpath – the footpath behind Church Farm, which has been churned up by vehicles accessing the site on Gregs Close, has been partially repaired. I am in regular contact with the landowner to get this fully repaired for walkers.

Parking issues – I have received no comments back from the Evangelical Church in response to my requests to use their car park sent in November and December. Highways have requested more information for “No Parking” signs that the council had expressed some interest in.

All Saints' church gate – these were due to be moved back from the road in December, but this has not happened. I am waiting for a response from the contractor.

Gardening – the councillors did manage to lift the plants from the village sign flower beds before the frosts began. I am waiting for a quote from the gardener on the flowerbed at the rear of the cemetery.

Government tree scheme and village signs/gates – are being considered and will be discussed at the February meeting.