

Clerk's report

Mattishall Parish Council

May 2024

1. Commonwealth War Graves have confirmed that they will arrange for a volunteer to look at the two war graves in the Cemetery and if they deem them to require cleaning, they will do so. They have also confirmed that they do not give permission for the project work proposal received from Ian Edwards and explained that these graves must remain as turf only. They also advised that they are not responsible for any War Memorials and therefore have no grants available to support additional subscriptions, they had advised however that we try the War Memorial Trust who might be able to assist. I am currently exploring this option.
2. The broken and faded street names on Church Plain and Welgate to my knowledge have still not been fixed or replaced.
3. Highways reported the following regarding the blocked culvert on Dereham Road, which was raised at one of our meetings by a resident. Highways have inspected the ditch where the water flows through and had found a blockage holding up the water, they have cleared this as best as they can with a shovel which has freed up the flow of water. They ask, if the landowner could clear this section of ditch, they believe the issues would be resolved. If this takes place and still there are issues, they will look at getting the culvert cleared. They reported that as it stands the water can be seen flowing far more easily than previously so time will tell if this has helped with water levels. They have asked if we could send a letter to the landowner in question to request they clear their ditch.
4. I can confirm we have received the portrait of the King, but sadly no place to display it. Both committees at the Mattishall Memorial Hall and All Saint's Church have declined our offer. Any thoughts from Councillors?
5. We have received an email from Mr Linton, a placement coordinator with the Probation Services Community Payback teams based in Norwich office. I have replied asking if the following projects would be suitable as a project. 1) Staining and re-staining the bench in the Cemetery and 2) Cleaning and re-painting of the cemetery gates. He is going to have a look on Thursday and will get back to us. Although, this work has been passed onto Ian Edwards and taking into account his busy work load, I thought this might be a good opportunity in getting this work completed sooner.

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6. The standpipe installation works will be carried out on Saturday 11th May. I will circulate an email to allotment holders to notify them of these works and circulate a post on our website, cemetery noticeboard and social media sites to notify our residents.
7. We have paid the 30% deposit to NGF Play and are awaiting confirmation of an installation date to carry out the rubber mulch to the play area.
8. The Village Map is near completion, with an approximate date of 13th May.