

FRGB REPORT TO DPC: 13 July 2017

1. CEMETERY:

- **LITTER BINS:** Two new litter bins have now been installed, one at the front/rear division and one towards the back of the rear cemetery.
- **BENCH:** memorial bench donated and installed in rear cemetery.
- **NEW SIGN:** This is now on the front gate.
- **NEXT CLEAN-UP:** Propose the next clean-up to be after the summer holidays.
- **DPC/FRGB walk-about:** need to agree a date for this, I will propose a weekend in September.

2. TREES:

- **Allotment Gardens:** Mercer have been asked to quote for the allotment side and rear hedges – awaiting quote, hope will be in time for meeting. No recommendation on coppicing of Millennium Wood from Allotment Committee as yet.
- **Hinxton Road trees:** The first lot of recommended works has been completed (on 6 trees). DPC will take over management of the trees when all the works recommended within 12 months have been completed. They have emailed this week that all works will be completed on 31st July.
- **Elms Close group of trees:** Although responsibility has not been clarified, Mercer have been asked to provide an assessment and quote for any work needed.
- **Biggen:** trees are overhanging the Biggen (street), Mercer will quote for raising the canopy to clear delivery vans.

3. VERGES & FOOTPATHS:

- **Rectory Road area:** this was finally cut (County responsibility, not Parish). County has offered £241 per year for DPC to take over the grass cutting. Buchans will quote for the job.
- **The Village sign triangle** will now be cut by Buchans at no extra charge, as this small area sits more logically in their contract (they already cut the verges on both Hunts Road and St John's Street).
- **Buchans** have requested that shrubbery overhanging verges and paths be cut back. Our Clerk will ask the handyman to do it.

4. MILLENNIUM GARDEN & BUS SHELTERS

- Seat in Ickleton Road shelter has not yet been extended.
- Proposal to create windows in each side so buses can be seen approaching. Need to get a quote from handyman.

5. WAR MEMORIAL:

- The 2 black bollards on the Hinxton Road corner have yet to be removed. The bollards on the Chapel street corner need to stay for safety as they have reflectors.

6. BENCHES

- Parishioner is ready to go ahead with installing the memorial bench on Grange Road and seems happy to site it on a hard standing next to the existing metal one. Our Clerk will now follow up for more details of type, position etc., as annual maintenance will become responsibility of DPC.
- No benches have been refurbished to date, our Clerk will follow up with handyman. If there is no decision on 'art' bench for The Green, we need to replace it asap as it is practically unusable.
- Additional memorial bench installed in the cemetery, financed by donor.

7. TELEPHONE BOX

- Looks great, being used. Thanks to Scouts for maintaining and keeping tidy.

9. LITTER & DOG BINS

- Contact at SCDC has only this week responded that she has found a new part-time contractor and will ask him to repair the broken dog bin on Long Lane close to the Wheatsheaf, which she hopes will be done within 2 weeks.
- Unfortunately, our request for new litter and dog bins is unlikely to be processed in the near future. I will ask if DPC were to purchase the new bins, whether SCDC would take on responsibility for emptying them with immediate effect.

