

FRGB REPORT TO DPC: 12th October 2017

1. CEMETERY:

- **Clean-up:** the clean-up postponed to 16/17 September has made a huge difference, particularly as very few of the usual volunteers were able to attend at such short notice and there were no new volunteers. **Sincere thanks to those that did come and help, for their huge, and very effective efforts.** Thanks to some very enthusiastic compression by our handyman, only 1 of the 2 skips has so far been used, leaving a window open for a final clean-up this year at no additional cost over that already agreed by DPC.
- Memorial testing postponed until next financial year.

2. TREES:

- **Hinxton Road trees:** discussion with the management company is on-going. DPC decision deferred until November meeting.
- Tree Survey: propose to instruct Caroline Hall to carry out the next tree survey, with cost to come out of next financial year. **DPC agreement needed.**

3. VERGES & FOOTPATHS:

- **Overgrown shrubbery Highfield Close:** District/County have completed the necessary work. Blocked drains have been reported by DPC on-line, on behalf of residents.
- **Autumn leaves:** Buchans quote is presented **for discussion and decision** at DPC October meeting.
- **Long Lane:** Clerk has contacted residents and the Wheatsheaf to request them to cut back and remove the clippings.
- **Bustlers Rise:** hedgerow encroaching into road has been cut by Buchans.

4. MILLENNIUM GARDEN & BUS SHELTERS

- The 2 benches on Millennium have been painted a rather fetching shade of green. Provided that DPC is happy with the colour, more will be purchased and used for all the painted benches and the bus shelters.

5. WAR MEMORIAL:

- Handyman has been asked to prioritise treatment of the bench with a wood preservative in good time for remembrance day.
- DPC have asked SCDC whether they will fund a smarter litter bin in time for 11/11.

6. VILLAGE WOODWORK

- Village sign has been taken down for refurbishment.

7. TELEPHONE BOX

- Nothing to report.

8. ST JOHN'S CHURCHYARD

- This area should be subject to an all-over cut in November.

9. LITTER & DOG BINS

- Still no news on our request for additional litter and dog bins – have chased up again, hoping to hear something soon.

10. THE REC

- Councillor O'Grady will report.

11. HANGING BASKETS

- Will be discussed in detail at a future meeting.