

## **FRGB REPORT TO DPC: 8 February 2018**

### **1. CEMETERY:**

- Mercers will quote this week for doing tree works needed before we can repair the wall and railings bordering the front right-hand side. We are budgeting for future costs. A decision will have to be made as to whether to plant a hedge (much cheaper) or go for wall/railings. The Blacksmith at Thriplow has agreed to quote for the work.

### **2. TREES:**

- **Tree Survey:** I have arranged for the next survey to be done in March (date tbc), with cost to come out of next financial year.

### **3. VERGES & FOOTPATHS:**

- **Contracts:** We have reminded our handyman to collect the litter on a regular basis according to his contract, particularly during winter, when the verges are not being cut, as we are getting complaints.

### **4. MILLENNIUM GARDEN & BUS SHELTERS**

- The seat in St Peter's Street shelter will be discussed at Feb DPC. One parishioner remains very concerned that a seat will encourage antisocial behaviour. Option is to put a small seat in and monitor, before putting the full seat in as in other shelters. No problems have been reported at the other stops since seats were fitted.

### **5. WAR MEMORIAL:**

- The seat will be treated with oil as soon as weather improves.

### **6. VILLAGE WOODWORK**

- All treatment will commence when weather improves.

### **7. TELEPHONE BOX**

- Leaks have been reported. Handyman will look into it.

### **8. ST JOHN'S CHURCHYARD**

- One of the floodlights is not working and is not repairable. Propose to leave until one or both of the others go as well and replace all 3 with LED lights. Total cost will be +/-£300.

### **9. LITTER & DOG BINS**

- At last (with many thanks to Peter Topping for chasing this up), we have a response to our request, first made in June '17. I will report back to DPC in March, but I have been told that on 5<sup>th</sup> Feb. a new dog bin will be installed at the end of the public footpath on Hinxtion Road (before the level crossing). We have also requested new bins on Hinxtion Road near the stream, on Moorfield Road at allotments and at the entrance to the Biggen and a smarter bin on the war memorial site.

### **10. THE REC**

- Nothing to report.

### **11. HANGING BASKETS**

- A decision will be made at March DPC. Tighter health & safety restrictions and regulations are likely to make the cost prohibitive. An alternative option is to have flower pots/barrels in key locations, but we would still need to find volunteers or add their maintenance/watering to one of the contracts.