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APPENDIX 3

Clerk's Report and Assets' Report from 16.02.2025 to 15.03.2025

This report is to provide an update on actions taken and not covered elsewhere on the Agenda within the time period above:

- We are still waiting for an update on our application for a Multi Pay card from Unity bank.
- Following the sudden cancellation of bonfires on the allotments in November, Council was asked to assist with the disposal of non-compostable materials. Cllr Chris Gray very kindly offered to take this to the recycling centre and this was actioned on Saturday 8th March. Tenants have been advised that this was a one-time solution. They are aware that bonfires will not be allowed under any circumstances in the future and therefore will have to dispose of this matter in a different way.
- Further to the issue of composting, a master composter session has been offered by LCC and is organised for Tuesday 29th April from 7pm to 8pm at the Village Hall. This will be advertised in the Village News, on Noticeboards and through social media. Tickets will be bookable through Eventbrite and are free.
- The John Deere mower has a buyer and will be removed from Council assets by the 31st March 2025.
- It was noticed that one of the rungs on the MultiPlay Unit in the Play Park had snapped. Hazard tape was wound round the ladder and GEM were contacted. The rung has already been repaired.
- The six video doorbells kindly supplied by Borough Councillor Richard Sharp purchased through the Police and Crime Commissioner's fund have all been distributed in Waltham and Thorpe Arnold. It is hoped to be able to source a few more for additional parishioners who have made enquires.
- The clerk held an informal meeting with members of the PCC about Churchyard 1. Updates on the three memorials identified as unsafe were shared. The lighting plan has been streamlined and it was agreed that if the outdoor lighting on the side of the church can be made to function, then this, along with the solar lights already in place, will be enough to provide a reasonably well-lit path. A plan was also agreed to tackle overgrown areas throughout Churchyard 1 and to repair a hole in the steps leading up to the churchyard from the Melton Road.
- Whilst the A1 has been having overnight closures, the increase in traffic on the A607 has been noticeable, especially lorries travelling through the villages at speed. An enquiry has been received asking if there are any other measures, in addition to the MVAS, that can be put in place to help with speeding, for example more police speeding enforcement operations or a fixed speed camera.
- A team from the Demand Responsive Transport group (DRT – Foxconnect) will attend the Annual Parish Assembly on Wednesday 2nd April, 7pm to deliver an information session.
- Residents at 17a Melton Road have been asked yet again to cut their overgrown vegetation back.
- Changing Connections, a rural initiative, are holding three sessions at the Village Hall in March to support disadvantaged parishioners. Following the article about support for dementia carers in our newsletter, they can possibly trial setting up a support group.