

Roads Parish Council

Clerk's Report for 13th November 2023 including Actions Taken from 9th October 2023 Meeting

All actions down to me have either been completed or are work-in-progress and for mention tonight.
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RPC/23/255 – Finance - Nationwide Building Society apologised for the error made with the bank transfer and as a gesture of goodwill have credited us £50 into the Unity Trust account, this needs to be transferred back across to the Nationwide account next month.

RPC/23/256 – Updates

Parking Working Group – Nothing to update this month.

KZ8 improvements –MSF confirmed that the DNO should have been connected to the national grid for the lights on Swan Lane on 6th November, I'm waiting for confirmation that they are now working. The lighting on the bridge looks promising as MSF have heard back from Network Rail, they are just waiting for one more check to come back but this should hopefully be resolved soon.

I'm waiting to hear back from Kier with regards to discuss resurfacing the railway bridge.

Cemetery Extension – The contract has been signed and I'm waiting for confirmation of a start date, once this is received, I'll write to residents on Manor Close advising them that the work will be starting.

RPC/23/259 – Lighting in the Queen Elizabeth II recreation ground – We consulted with 28 homes on the High Street, Station Road, The Leys and Pianoforte Road and received 19 responses. Thirteen agreed with installing lights and 6 objected. Some very valid points were raised including the location of the lights, the F&GP committee have taken these into consideration and have amended the plan to install 7 solar lights along the main footpath of the rec (closest to the railway side).

RPC23/260- Christmas Lights switch on – We need at least another 2-3 marshals to assist with the Christmas lights switch on. Without these marshals the event can not go ahead.

For Information:

Highways – Knock Lane - Cllr Fowler on our behalf requested that Highways use the S106 money that they received for maintenance to Knock Lane on filling in all of the potholes to make it safe. I have chased this up and Highways confirmed that they are looking into the terms of the S106 agreement but in the meantime have asked Kier to make the road safe. Works are due on Saturday 11th November (with a road closure).

Courteenhall – Cllr Davies, Cllr Wixon and I met with Courteenhall Estates on Thursday 9th November and had a very productive meeting. They want to support and help the village in any way they can. They were very open and honest and answered all our questions. They are going to remove the pile of soil left from when they dug the drainage on Northampton Road and apologised for not removing this sooner. They advised that they currently work closely with Roads Primary School and are also going to begin working with Elizabeth Woodville School too.

Town and Parish Council Liaison Officer – met with me on Thursday 2nd November, it was an extremely positive meeting, and he was very impressed with the work that we are doing. He has picked up a couple of highways issues for us that he is following up.

Update on Actions:

Planter – Jules at Home have agreed to sponsor the planter at Manor Close, I'm currently waiting for their logo we can put this on a plaque, so residents are aware that they've sponsored it.

Churchcroft Bollard – I have asked Allseasons to fit the bollard at a cost of £90.

Gateways – Cllr Shrubbs and I met with Highways on Friday 10th November and visited all locations where we want the gateways fitted. It isn't as easy as fitting gateways, as we must take into consideration distances from roads/vehicles etc and locations. The engineer will speak with the design team for them to quote for the work. This is going to be a long process.

Library – Berrys have submitted the extension plans to the planning department.

Play inspections – Wickstead have carried out the inspections and a copy of their report was circulated to the rec working group and the VT. The VT will carry out remedial works recommended by the inspection.

VAS – We have received the grant from Northamptonshire Fire and Police service and have ordered the new VAS from Swarco.

Accounts Package – Edge IT have reduced the quote to £517.40 ex VAT per year on a five-year contract. I have accepted this quote, and the invoice is due for payment this month.