

All actions down to me have either been completed or are work-in-progress and for mention tonight.
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## **RPC/24/10 – Updates**

**1 - Parking Working Group** – I have contacted Chartwell's agent questioning contamination liability, despite chasing I've not yet received a response. The parking working group are arranging another meeting, but really need a response from Chartwell to be able to move forward.

**2 - KZ8 improvements** – Lights are working, and cages have been installed over the lights on the railway bridge. I'm waiting to hear back from Western Power with the certificate for our electricity provider. Winvic have advised that their tarmac contractor is due back on site the week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> January, so they'll program the patching repairs around this time. Once I have a date I'll let you know.

**3 - Cemetery Extension** – I met with TGSM on 18<sup>th</sup> December on site to how the extension is progressing, a copy of their progress report is in the agenda pack. When we were onsite they were laying the 10x10 concrete slab for the storage building and the majority of paths had been excavated.

**4 – Extending safety barriers outside Roade Primary School** - I met with a couple of representatives from WNC Highways and the Business Manager of Roade Primary School on 19<sup>th</sup> December to investigate extending the barriers outside the school. It was agreed that extending them would be safer, we discussed the parking issues around school drop off and collection times, and I contacted our PCSO who has sent some information across to myself and the school and the school will be circulating it to parents. They have also agreed to patrol the area in the new year and will arrange these with the school directly. WNC highways will price up the work to extend the barriers and will try to obtain funding for them. They have also advised that they have plastic correx 20mph signs that can be fitted to lampposts around the school. These are currently out of stock but highways will let us have some once they receive them.

**5 – Small Grants** – reports have been received from Roade News, Roade Choir and St Mary's Church following them being issued small grants earlier this financial year. Copies of the reports are in the agenda packs.

**RPC/24/12 – Community Governance Review Consultation** – I have obtained a copy of the survey from WNC, copy in the agenda pack, so we can complete this within the meeting. The link to the ward boundaries can be found - [West Northamptonshire | LBCE](#)

**RPC/24/13 – WNC Council Tax Budget Consultation** – WNC are proposing to increase their budget by 4.55% in recognition of the difficult financial climate. This increase would contribute around an additional £9.6m per year towards inflationary and demand lead pressures to enable services to be maintained and would represent a Band D level of Council Tax for North Northamptonshire Council of £1,740.22 for 2024/2025.

This is an annual increase of £82.71 (equivalent to £1.59 per week) from the Band D Council Tax level of £1,657.51 in 2023/2024.

These figures do not include the Council Tax for individual Town and Parish Councils or the Council Tax set for Fire and Police by the Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner.

**RPC/24/14 – Biodiversity** - NCALC have advised that parish council's need to complete a consideration of what action to take for biodiversity and agree policies and objectives as soon as possible after 1st January 2024. Ncalc have circulated a draft model action plan which is in the agenda pack.

**RPC/24/16 – Small Grant** - St Mary's Church were granted £2000 in October 2022 for their grass cutting and improvements to Butlins Lane. Our small grant policy states that grant monies must be spent within 12 months following approval of the application and subject to council consideration, full or partial return of the grant money awarded may be requested.

**RPC/24/18 – Zip wire** – we are still waiting for quotes, we've only received one so far, so will need to defer this until we've received them.

### **Update on Actions:**

**Planter** – The sign with Jules at Home's logo on has been received and fitted onto the planter the VT will put in place by the end of the week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> January, Jules at Home will then arrange to plant it up. They are able to sponsor it this time but recommended that we look into funding for the future. I have contacted Ashton's Parish Clerk to ask if they obtain a grant for their planter that Jules at home look after.

**Solar lights** – I have placed the order for the lights in the rec and am waiting for an invoice from them and estimated date. I have also submitted the request for funds from the S106 team at WNC.

**Bins** – have been ordered, and bins should then be delivered in about March.

**S106** – The team confirmed that they are holding £233,397.63 for off site play for the provision, enhancement and maintenance of off-site children's play areas serving the Aston Road/Pianoforte development.

**Solar Bollard** – The Deputy Clerk and VT are meeting a representative from Courteenhall to discuss options for the solar bollard in Churchcroft on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

**BT Poles and streetlights** – The quote to move the lights and refit new poles has been sent to BT who have acknowledged receipt, but are having to get it approved as they've not come across the request before.

**Bench** – We are in the process of obtaining quotes for new benches and repairs, these will be included on a future agenda.

**Community Events** – Could those councillors who have not completed the Microsoft form confirming their availability to help at events please do. I'm still waiting for six councillors to respond.