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APPENDIX 4

Clerk's Report and Assets' Report from 11.08.2024 to 14.09.2024

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

- We still await any communication from LCC about completing the MVAS project
- Planned road closures for the NEMMDR are on Saxby Road from the 7th to 20th October and Waltham Road, Thorpe Arnold from the 21st October to the 5th December
- The football pitch is in high demand with Mowbray Rangers, Colsterworth Colts and Melton Athletic Football Club all playing matches at this venue. The work on the showers in the Pavilion is almost complete and the timber to construct a referee's room is in place. As soon as all the interior work is complete, a cleaner will be employed to carry out a deep clean, before coming on a regular basis to keep it tidy. A Legionella test will also be carried out in due course.
- Three new picnic tables and a bench were delivered to the Village Hall on Thursday 12th September. Dennis Pengelly was on hand to make sure they were stored appropriately. Paul Geeson has undertaken to remove the two old tables and install the new ones very shortly at the Playfield. He will also transfer the plaques to the new picnic tables. The bench is a replacement for the one in Churchyard 1 outside the east door and will also be installed soon.
- Two parishioners have been in touch about the difficulty of getting a doctor's or nurse's appointment at the Welby Practice in Waltham. The practice manager was contacted and her response has been published. The situation will continue to be monitored.
- The photograph of the pony and dog on Mill Lane was presented to Peter Atkinson, Dr Anne Atkinson's brother, when he came to Waltham in August. He has written a letter of thanks to the Parish Council and in particular to Cllr Estelle Slegers for her excellent reproduction.
- The two metal handrails on the High Street are due to be completely stripped of paint shortly. If they look fine, they can be left as grey as they are made of galvanised steel. However, there is still the option to repaint them black if preferred.
- Road closures for Remembrance Sunday have been applied for and the event registered with the
 police. A request has been submitted for a Deputy Lord Lieutenant and all other dignitaries
 involved have been contacted as usual. We have 10 wreaths and plenty of large poppies. The
 poppies and road closure warning signs will be erected around the village on 31st October. The
 Scouts and police have confirmed their attendance again.
- There has been an issue with overgrown vegetation at 22 The Paddocks, Waltham. A vegetation card has been posted through the letterbox and three attempts have been made to contact the owner. As there has been no response, LCC have been informed and the PC are in contact with Highways to try and get the vegetation cut back as soon as possible.
- The Clerk is taking part in the Trusted Partners pilot scheme with LCC. This is expected to develop a closer working relationship with highways operations, especially in reporting issues in the local area, sharing knowledge and having a better understanding of Highways processes.
- Thanks in advance to the Chair for his offer to run the October Council meeting. I will prepare as much as possible in advance.