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APPENDIX 3

Clerk's Report and Assets' Report from 15.09.2024 to 16.11.2024

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

- The Clerk wishes to thank Geoff Hulland, Chair of WOTWATA Parish Council, for stepping in during October and covering meetings and monitoring correspondence in her absence.
- The second gate has been installed at the Grantham end of Waltham Village, completing this section of the Highways' speed reduction project on the A607. However, we still await any communication from LCC about completing the MVAS installation.
- The road closure for the NEMMDR on Waltham Road, Thorpe Arnold which was due from the 21st
 October to the 5th December has been postponed to spring 2025 due to contractual issues.
- The metal handrails on the High Street have been stripped of black paint and now look more presentable. Unless Council thinks otherwise, there is no need to re-paint them black. The local residents are pleased with the work completed.
- The new bench in Churchyard 1 was installed on Friday 8th November and the old broken one disposed of.
- The Remembrance service on Memorial Green on the 10th November went well. The police were on hand to deal with a few additional issues this year: allowing an ambulance through the road closure on the A607, cyclists not dismounting and a small medical event. An email has been sent from the Chair of the PCC to Inspector Richardson at Leicestershire Police thanking him for the diligent and positive support we received from the officers on duty. Thank-you gifts have also been purchased from the Chair's fund for the volunteers who help marshal the road closure, provide the service sheets and set up the PA system. The path up to and around the memorial stones could do with a power wash in the spring.
- Following the issues raised in Thorpe Arnold at the October meeting the sign on Lag Lane and street lamp by the cricket pitch have been reported to LCC to be fixed, the ironwork cover creating a trip hazard on the pavement to the car park has been reported to Openreach to be re-positioned and the pavement down Thorpe Hill on the A607 which is dangerously narrow will be reported to Highways as part of the Trusted Partner Pilot scheme which is being developed by LCC. Any progress will be reported back to Council.
- The issue with overgrown vegetation at 22 The Paddocks, Waltham was reported to LCC, but this vegetation has now been cutback by a neighbour. LCC will no longer be involved as the issue has been resolved for the time being.
- Following the completion of the public consultation for preferences of new infant Play Park equipment, several companies have been approached on a preliminary basis to begin the process of obtaining three quotes for Council to consider in due course.