

Bacton Parish Warden December 2020 Report

Shop Green

- The 'new' Parish Council notice board now has a Community Noticeboard on the reverse, with thanks to Cllr Green. I have posted two speed signs on it and will print out a notice inviting members of the public to put up items of interest. I will include a post on Facebook and twitter.
- A local business has kindly repaired the fencing near to the petrol pumps.
- I often see residents sitting on the bench nearest the shop and converse with them; one resident was keen on walking and we came up with the idea of having a monthly footpath walk concluding perhaps with refreshments in the village hall.

Action: To agree to pursue the footpath walking idea for 2021



Cemetery

- I have replaced the unsafe memorial notices with the date 11 12 20; I have heard from two families regarding their relatives memorial and will ensure these are carried out in accordance with the regulations. I have made a note to check on the remaining four and if no contact or action has been taken in March I will ask the Clerk to include this on the agenda as there may be a cost to the Council.
- The grave digger was on site; the bins had to be moved but will need a more permanent home, there was no triangle or warning sign of workmen working and using large mechanical equipment
- Cllr Green has volunteered/agreed to stain the new Cemetery
- There is a lot of loose debris on the surface of the new Garden of Reflection including balls and Frisbees from the school.
- A member of the public was parking his van on the new cemetery (the space reserved for the hearse) – when approached he asked me where the sign saying it was private property was. I very politely informed him the Council had not considered needing such signs and asked him to refrain from parking there again.
- A stonemason has collected a memorial stone ahead of a burial however they have not left the site in a tidy condition and I have contacted the funeral directors asking them to re-visit the site and tidy it.

Actions: To consider a place for the two bins now burials have taken place very close to their current site. To consider leaving two triangles on site for workmen to put out when working in/around the Cemetery. To consider speaking with the primary school regarding play equipment going onto the new Garden of Reflection. To consider erecting a sign stating 'private land no unauthorised parking' although I am not sure how this would be policed effectively.



St Marys Playing Field:

Play area:

- I received a telephone call at 9.45pm on Wednesday 9 December complaining of large machinery to the rear of the site. Upon inspection the following day Cllr Green confirmed the gate was padlocked and no signs of vehicles being on site.
- Further to a suspected break-in at St Marys where the main gate padlock was opened leaving the gate open I contacted the police and have a crime reference number. I also spoke with Stefan who confirmed his team were aware of this incident and movement in the area and will ensure it is patrolled.
- Cllr Green has replaced the padlock
- Further to news of possible unwanted visitors to the site I contacted a local farmer who was trying to source a large concrete to put in front of the gate.

Dog Area:

- The 'no dogs on playing field' sign has been re-erected at the entrance onto the field at North Close.
- I spoke with a couple of ladies who were on the site and both congratulated the Council on the idea; it allows them to meet up with their young puppies and socialize them in a safe and secure manner.

Broad Road

- The notice board looks very sorry and the area around it needs cutting down and tidying
- The path way to the defibrillator is broken up in places

Action: Council to consider replacing the notice board and tidying up the overgrowth. To consider re paving the pathway.



Village Hall

- Looks very neat with new windows displaying stars

Cow Green and Tailors Green

- Signs warning Deep Water and Slow 5mph were erected with the assistance of a resident and Cllr Green.
- Cllr Green has repaired the bench.
- During a recent visit a resident had parked their entire vehicle on the green! A local village has erected small posts along one boundary of their green to stop any intrusion on the green.

Action: Council to consider erecting small wooden posts on both Cow and Tailors Green.