

Grounds Maintenance contract for 2023 – Contractor approved at the November meeting

#### Jubilee Garden

The coping stones on the entrance wall to the Jubilee Garden have been replaced

The Sweet Chestnut Tree – tree surgeon employed to carry out work

#### Recreation Ground

Recreation Ground Car Park Weeds - The weeds around the edge of the car park are encroaching on to the gravel and need treatment with strong weedkiller – this was discussed November meeting and Cllr Mallen to treat with weedkiller during the growing season – Cllr Mallen has purchased weedkiller and will carry out work

#### Play area

Replacement of surrounding to climbing frame & replacement of bark – work completed

Replacement of soil & re-turf under play equipment – These areas have been covered with play bark

Add posts to secure soil in between tubes. Replace soil over top of 'play tubes' and re-turf. – this work has been carried out.

A Frame climber has been removed and material removed from site

Replace bolt covers missing from play equipment

#### Village Green

Replacement of 'white stones' used to border the grass to discourage vehicle traffic which are now worn from collisions, no longer white and are disarranged from their original locations and need replacing. work carried out by village volunteers

#### The Street

White - Linings' on the Street. Are worn so need replacing (NCC Highways). – email sent to Highways

#### Weeds along the Verges

Weeds growing along the edges of the roads and streets around the village. (NCC Highways responsibility) – email sent to Highways to action

#### BT Telephone Box

The BT telephone box is in need of refurbishment. The telephone box belongs to BT – BT contacted and confirmed on 8<sup>th</sup> December that box will be added to 2023 repainting list – they get painted between April and October and no firm date can be given.

#### Trees in Bawdeswell

Tree report carried out 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021, work highlighted to be carried out – Tree surgeon employed to carry out works

#### Adams Pit

Another broken footboard which needs replacing on the walkway at Adams Pit – This work has been carried out.

Grounds maintenance contractor employed to carry out works to Adams Pit.

December 2020 – The following advice was received from Norfolk Wildlife Trust December 2020–

- the only reasonably urgent task is to cut back the willow growing into the water from the side furthest from the road. This can just be cut as far back as possible to stop it taking over the water. It might be best to do this late summer when the water levels are lower.

2 - the pond would benefit from a little more sunlight on it. I would recommend cutting back over hanging branches and trees to the south could be lowered to help this.

3 - the hedge along the lane is not offering a great deal to wildlife at present, as it is very bare at ground level and then the bushes a little top heavy. This could be coppiced (cut down to the ground and allowed to re-grow). Then keep it to about 1 - 1.5m high and trimmed to an A shape, so it is wider and thicker at the base to encourage wildlife. This will also help with sunlight onto the water.

4 - maintaining the banks. The banks and the island do not need to be kept neat and tidy for wildlife. I would recommend cutting half every other year, so there is some tall vegetation over winter for hibernating species. The cut material can be raked up and piled up on site under trees to rot.

5 - dredging - I don't think you need to dredge the pond at present. I would get a little more light onto it first and see how it looks in a year or two. If there is plenty of clear, open water, then it should be fine for a few more years.