

RATTLESDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Report to the Ordinary Meeting of 31 July 2018

Agenda Item 12: Parish Clerk's Report

Post-Box - Brettenham Road: Finally...the officer at Royal Mail responsible for post boxes deigned to get in touch to confirm that it would be replaced - hopefully, by the time of the meeting. Residents who contacted the Council to seek the support of the Council in this matter have been informed of the situation.

Cemetery Standpipe: The leak, albeit fairly small, resulted in an inspection by a plumber given that it was believed to be the tap itself (or part thereof). In the event, his detailed examination confirmed that it was the chamber linked to the meter and, as such, was an Anglian Water issue. The latter was very helpful and a technician attended quickly although could not effect an immediate resolution. However, the matter is in hand.

Playing Field - Dog Bin: The decision not to pursue the Community Council suggestion for a dog bin by the play equipment was duly conveyed that Council. To date, there has been no feedback although, perhaps, none was felt to be necessary.

St Nicholas Close: Further to the last Council meeting, and as requested, I notified the 'Housing Front Office' at Mid Suffolk District Council of the accident which occurred in St Nicholas Close and the safety concerns raised by a resident. I also wrote back to the resident to confirm the action taken. Separately, Cllr Morley reported that the bank in front of the bungalows was severely overgrown and that action was needed - so, again, I informed Mid Suffolk District Council and requested their earliest attention to the matter. The correspondence to Mid Suffolk District Council was copied to Cllr Otton.

VAT Claim: The Council claim for the reimbursement of VAT for 2017-2018 has been submitted to Her Majesty's Customer and Revenue (HMRC) in the sum of £1,554.41. Upon successful receipt, this funding will be uncommitted and so available to support any Council projects or initiatives.

Poy Street Green: A resident reported problems with overgrown/overhanging hedges and trees obstructing the highway. Problem reported to Suffolk Highways (with photographs).