

4 Clerk's / Chairman/s report

Shrubs Froment Way open space – a few years ago we planted *pyracantha* and *ceanothus* along side the fence that backs on to Mansfield Close in response to a request from a resident in Mansfield Close. The neighbour has kindly offered to plant replacements for the *ceanothus* shrubs that were recently vandalised.

Remembrance Day – (see report on website - Village News). The ceremony was well attended. Mr and Mrs Rooks came from Kettering to be part of the ceremony and to thank the Parish Council for cleaning the war memorial. Mr Rooks' uncle, W A Rooks, was killed in World War I. W A Rooks' name is on the memorial. Last year we donated £30 to the British Legion for the wreath. I suggest that we donate £30 again this year.

CCTV on bridge –

Land adjacent A14 - CCC instructed Balfour Beatty to clear the site of all the remaining material that was left over from the Milton roundabout project and to restore the land to agricultural use. The work has been carried out to the satisfaction of CCC and all that remains is for the site to be seeded with grass.

Urban Retirement Village – Email previously received and sent out to Council. (Copy on OHP). Iwan Jones comments “Let me know what your view on the site visit is. Look forward to hearing from you soon.” Who would like to visit Rugby?

Trees – I filed Council's complaint online and received a letter dated 07/11/07 acknowledging it. “The appropriate officer will respond in due course.”

Crime – email received 21 November 2007:

“Sadly - we have had more vandalism to cars here in the Elms and I am about to put through another insurance claim on my Fiesta. One night last week - some idiot decided to walk over the top – and dented both rear hatch back door and bonnet - leaving footprints in the process... Several £100s damage I expect.

Subsequently we have also noticed that one of our neighbours has had damage to a wing mirror this weekend (they are away at the moment) - and although this could have been due to careless driving - sadly - the more likely reason is that of vandalism. We fairly regularly get bouts where someone walking through the Elms takes out as many wing mirrors and Mercedes badges etc. as they can. I didn't claim for my broken wing mirror last year - as I didn't want to affect my no claims status. I expect a lot of this "petty" crime gets unreported down streets like ours - for this very reason.

I thought you would still want to hear news of this type of thing - as I believe from our conversations in the past that it is important for the Parish Council to be aware of this type of problem - to assist in the process of identifying policing needs etc. for the village.”

PC Shulver and PCSO Scott Evans are aware of the above.

Neighbourhood Watch report to be discussed at January meeting.

Congestion Charge – Information can be found on

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/congestion>

CCC plan to hold a workshop for Parish Councils in January/February.