**Clerk’s Report July 2025**

* I have been in contact with Paul Nash of Stone Works who will be repairing the cemetery wall. He is hoping to start the work in the next couple of weeks. I have asked him to ensure that he contacts the Post Office manager who will oversee the reinstatement of the post box. Our original post box has been checked and passed as suitable for use so it will be placed back into the wall.
* The contractor approved at the June meeting to carry out work on the bus shelter has now stripped off the ivy and it looks much better for it. The contractor plans to paint the inside of the bus stop once the schools have broken up for the summer.
* Since the last meeting Jan and I have had a meeting with Frances Beeton to discuss the feedback on the initial version of the draft lease which we sent her. Uncertainty has arisen about who is responsible for one of the boundary hedges which will need to be resolved. We have also raised the absence of a clause in the lease to provide compensation to the council for the value of playground equipment if the lease is terminated early by the landlord. There is an item about the playground on the agenda to update council about progress on the lease and the new playground inspection arrangements.
* There has also been a meeting with Frances Beeton and Jeremy and Sophie Iles regarding their plans for the fields around the village.
* One of the councillors has received a complaint about cars parking on the road leading up to Snake Drive and I have been sent some pictures.
* A resident has raised a complaint that the hedge on the green outside the bungalows is beginning to grow across the footpath. I have mentioned this to our maintenance contractor who will trim back the hedge on 18th July. We have been told that residents who normally park in the residents car park are temporarily parking on the road as there is sap dropping from a tree in the car park onto their cars.
* Since the last meeting there has been a burial in the cemetery and another burial is due to take place on 9th July.
* I have written a notice to advertise the vacancy for a councillor to be filled by co-option at our meeting in October. The notice will be in the August edition of the CHEQS magazine as well as on the notice board and the website. We currently have one application for the vacant seat.
* After the June meeting I emailed Stuart Bullen to let him know that council had agreed to partner with Highways on the traffic management scheme. I have not received any information about when the SIDs will be installed.