**Clerk’s Report August 2025**

* The contractor carrying out the repairs to the wall at the cemetery is due to do the work soon but it has not yet started.
* As a result of health and safety concerns relating to a damaged and unsecured bench in the playground the Bulldogs have removed it and plan to use it as part of the fireworks event in November. There were two damaged benches on the green one of which has now been repaired. Th other one has been dismantled and disposed of by Quenington Garden Maintenance at a cost of £37.50. This action was taken following discussions between the Chair and the clerk and is permitted under section 5.18 of the council’s financial regulations. QPC will be asked to approve the payment retrospectively at the August meeting.
* Preliminary discussions with ECT about the playground continue with the recent focus being on the timing of the commencement of the new lease and the management of the wooded area next to the site.
* Following a complaint that the hedge on the green outside the bungalows was beginning to grow across the footpath, the mowing contractor has cut the hedge back to ensure residents are able to use the path safely.
* The advert to recruit a councillor to fill the vacant seat went out in the August edition of the CHEQS magazine. I have also placed the advert on the notice board and the website. We currently have two applications for the vacant seat.
* Stuart Bullen from GCC has been in touch to say that he has passed the details of where the SIDS are to be installed to the contractors who install them. He did not provide a date when the devices will be installed.
* Following feedback received from council on the draft Equal Opportunities policy at the July meeting I have revised the draft policy to reflect the comments. I have also produced draft disciplinary and grievance policies. These three policies are on the August meeting agenda for consideration.
* A resident reported that one of the football nets had become detached from the posts. Councillor Ryan has been to the playground and reattached the net.
* At the July meeting the councillors were supportive of a suggestion from the Hatherop and Coln parish councils to hold a meeting to discuss matters of mutual interest on 27th November. I have booked the village hall for this event.
* At the July meeting councillors supported the proposal to draft a letter from Hatherop, Coln and Quenington Parish Council to send to our MP regarding the ongoing issues with mobile phone coverage. The letter is being drafted and will come to the September meeting for review and approval.