

#### 40) REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS:

##### (a) Village Maintenance and Improvement

**Surface Water opposite bungalows at the top of Red Lion Street** – OCC Highways had advised that this may take some time to fix and for more information visit [www.oxfordshirefloodtoolkit.com](http://www.oxfordshirefloodtoolkit.com) . No further update.

**Canal and River Trust Volunteering Group** – The works in July over a 3-day period involved resurfacing of the towpath from the closed Bridge Store towards Banbury. The next scheduled Cropredy 'Towpath Taskforce' is on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2026.

**Playground Inspections** – RoSPA Play Safety Team completed an annual inspection on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026. Cllrs Jacqui Smith, Des Knight and Michael Clyne need to review the report and agree on the appropriate actions for implementation.

**Flooding on Williamscoth Road** – CS&SC had reported this issue on FixMyStreet and it would appear that OCC have scheduled some action on this matter. Laurie Wilson received some feedback on 22<sup>nd</sup> July from the OCC's Volunteer Coordination Officer-Highway Maintenance. It appears the order raised for the works wasn't for the full works that needed doing. New orders are being raised for the correct work to be undertaken. Maybe getting the gullies/drainage pipes all cleared will help for short term downpours.

**Tree Surgery** – Tree Safe have just completed the works in line with their quote of £1,450 + VAT. However, there is some concern over the condition of the dead/dying pine (T024) on the Plantation. This tree was highlighted in red in his recent survey and he is going to take a more in-depth look. The concern is that there is very little sap at the base and the roots are going brittle in these extreme hot conditions. He has given me a verbal quote of £1,300 + VAT to fell the tree and is keen to remove it before Fairport due to the potential danger with so many people using the Plantation. **We need to review this in the meeting and if we agree the tree will be removed on Wednesday before Fairport.**

**Sports and Social Fence Posts** – John Taylor has reviewed the 6 fence posts between the Sports Field and the new Cricket Pavillion in need of repair but as yet have not seen a quote.

**Safety at the School** – Waiting on feedback from County Councillor Chris Brant. Cllr Clive Dunn is following through on this.

**Lower Churchyard Strimming** – Simon Bull completed the first full strim of the season during July and is expected to keep it in good order.

#### 44) PARISH MATTERS:

(a) **Church Wall** – The narrative to support the drawings that show what needs to be done is being completed by the surveyor Clive Haywood (The CARE Engineer) and is expected to be available for the meeting. Church architect Bryan Martin is keen to discuss strategy and his involvement week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> August after Fairport.