

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 . No further update.

Canal and River Trust Volunteering Group – The works in September were carried out at Cropredy Mill Sluice. It involved resurfacing of the boater's communal area and making a path to the Sluice box. A check was made for any litter along the towpath and any low hanging vegetation. The next scheduled Cropredy 'Towpath Taskforce' is on Wednesday 28th October 2026.

Playground Inspections – Cllrs Jacqui Smith and Des Knight need to review the RoSPA Play Safety Team annual inspection 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 22nd 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. No further update.

Tree Surgery – Tree Safe completed the works just before Fairport in line with their quote of £1,300 + VAT for the removal of the dead/dying pine (T024) on the Plantation.

44) PARISH MATTERS:

(a) **Church Wall** – A meeting with the Church architect Bryan Martin was held at the Church on 25th August to discuss the next steps following on from the Surveyors Report. Bryan has summarised the discussions and this will be reviewed for approval at the Next Parish Council Meeting on 12th October.