86) **Church Wall Progress** – Church architect Bryan Martin has been given the go ahead to put together a written detailed specification and a detailed Schedule of Works. This is expected to take 5/10 days and scheduled to start first week of November.

It has been suggested that a group of volunteers could help the process by removing the ivy and vegetation growth in the wall where it is safe to do so. Would you be prepared to help by volunteering no more that 2 hours at any one time? Please contact cllr.des.knight@cropredyparishcouncil.gov.uk for further information.

88) 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 and will make some further enquiries.

Canal and River Trust Volunteering Group – The works in October were carried out at Cropredy Wharf. It involved installation of a new Totem pole for boater's information, painting of handrails and steps and general de-vegetation along the towpath. The next scheduled Cropredy 'Towpath Taskforce' is on Wednesday 25th November 2026.

Playground Inspections – A wooden bench in poor condition has been replaced by a galvanised metal bench designed/manufactured/installed by Geoff Wheeler in memory of his daughter. This is an excellent addition to the playground facilities!

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 Williamscot 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. It appears that the work associated with the new orders has not been done and it is being followed up with OCC.

Damage at a Public Right of Way Kissing Gate at the rear of Cup and Sauser – The path made up of three railway sleepers is showing signs of wear and tear and becoming a heath and safety risk. This has been reported into OCC through FixMyStreet and sent to Countryside Access Management System for processing (Web Reference No. 261021296).

Fly tipping along Oxhey Hill – This happened during October and was cleared within 10 days. **I would like to thank the persons responsible for reporting this incident and getting it removed at the earliest opportunity.**