

New Issues	
A	Village Hall user contacted Clerk to report problem with urinal in Village Hall men's toilet. Clerk passed on report to Village Hall Manager.
B	Clerk arranged access to Playfield Road pitch for Oxford Preservation Trust's contractor to restore the memorial plaque.
C	Resident of Links Road contacted Clerk to request that cricket screens were moved away from the bottom of their garden. Clerk contacted cricket club groundsman to ask if screens could be moved asap. Groundsman has now moved the screen.
D	Clerk, Cllr Cobb and Cllr Jempson met with OCC Highways Engagement Officer for village walkabout and discussion of highways issues.
E	Clerk has submitted request for Temporary Road Closure for Remembrance Sunday parade, and has now received Road Closure Notification from VoWHDC.
F	Resident contacted Clerk to ask if a salt bin could be installed near the junction of Links Road and Simpsons Way, as it is one of the steepest slopes in the village and there is currently no salt bin nearby.
G	Email received from VoWHDC asking if Kennington Parish Council can supply 2 sites for Christmas tree recycling again in 2026. Clerk has responded that Playfield Road and Forest Side playing field car parks are available to be used again as in previous years.

Continuing issues	
H	Further to Clerk passed on contact details of Oxfordshire County Council's Tree Planting Unit to Kennington Garden Club last month (Minute Ref 198.26 P), the Garden Club has informed him that it has negotiated for OCC's Tree Planting Unit to plant a rowan tree in memory of Brian Peedell in the area outside St Swithun's grounds, to the right of the entrance. This will happen some time in the autumn and the Garden Club will add a plaque afterwards.
I	Clerk delivered SID unit to MAC Traffic Solutions so contractor could check all necessary parts were present prior to installation. Unit has now been installed.
J	Clerk has contacted VoWHDC Senior Property Surveyor to arrange signing contract for conveyance of War Memorial to the Parish Council. Now waiting for VoWHDC Legal Department to make contact.
K	Clerk met with contractor at Links Play area before removal of rotten wooden walkway and installation of a new binding ballast path.
L	Letter received from resident: <i>"I'd just like to put in a vote of thanks to Rosey Hollingrake for the wonderful work I often see her doing, keeping the plants so nice. I really think we are blessed to have an unusually nice war memorial in this way, and the regular tending makes it feel like a beloved grave of those who are cared for, rather than a historic relic which is forgotten all but one day of the year. Indeed the avenue of plants feels a little like an avenue of people paying their respects, especially with the variety in colours and heights. I do hope the parish council will agree, and pass on my thanks".</i>
M	Email received from resident regarding <i>"I know you are already aware of the parking situation in Kennington . At school times parents are parking on a pedestrian area every day which is infuriating. I have attached photos for you to see the issue. To alleviate the issue and prevent the cars being able to park , would moving the two flower displays across the area be a cheaper prevention? As I believe this would hopefully stop them being able to park there."</i>
N	Email received from resident: <i>"We moved to Kennington last September and have enjoyed the constant display of flowers at the war memorial, which feels a particular success given the hot and dry summer. The borders always look well cared for so I just wanted to send an email of thanks to acknowledge the time and resources given to looking after this area of the village."</i>
O	Clerk has obtained the Land Registry information relating to Colley Wood Amenity Area.
P	Clerk wrote again to the Director of Planning, South & Vale DC's on the matter of HMOs in Kennington and has now received the following reply: <i>"I recognise the importance of the issues raised by Kennington Parish Council and the concerns that residents have expressed regarding HMOs in Kennington. Your letter begins with reference to a specific site where a planning application has been approved under delegated powers. You ask how it would be apparent in an application that the works might lead to a change of use to a small scale HMO, the difficulty being that such a change is permitted development and does not need planning consent which I can see is</i>

understood. Because it is a change which does not require planning permission it is also not material to any decision taken on the proposals for extensions to a property, put another way it is not necessary to be aware of what might happen in the future because it is not relevant to the application assessment now. In the application process we cannot deal with what we think might happen in the future, we must handle the proposal in front of us.

In terms of the questions posed within the letter, licensing of HMOs does not fall within the remit of planning. I am in discussion with colleagues on this aspect of your enquiry and do not yet have a response for you. I will endeavour to achieve that before 8 October meeting but if that is not possible, I trust you will assure councillors that the letter has been received, reviewed and is being actively considered."