

**Otterburn Parish Council – Parish Clerk's Report
(8 March – 3 April, 2023)**

7a: Ray Wind update: For details on the various grants available please view the Ray Windfunds website at <https://raywindfund.co.uk/> or alternatively contact Jo Willis, Community Development Officer, on either admin@raywindfund.co.uk or 07762 179579.

7b: Road safety in the Parish: I am waiting an update on progress and dates on when the agreed work will begin at the location of the A696 / B6320 junction.

7c: Revitalising Redesdale update: I am seeking an update on the progress for the repairs to the Otterburn Trail where it is particularly steep, wet and slippery.

7e: Electric power supply in the Millennium Green: The application for a grant made to Ray Windfund has been successful and I am preparing for the next steps for the work to commence.

7f: Northern Powergrid (NPG) energy resilience grant funding: I have met with the Memorial Hall committee and a plan has been started for the work at the Hall. Richard Wilson has earmarked mid June to the wiring work.

7g: EV charging points at the Memorial Hall: I have a meeting with John Bourn of North-east Transport later this week on this topic and will up-date later.

7h: School flashing light and other roads signs: I am seeking an update on this matter and will hope to provide details at the meeting. Meantime the road sign near the Willow Green junction has particularly been repaired and work should be completed in next couple of weeks.

7i: Footpath towards Otterburn school: I have received an email from Geoff Cairns (NCC) who advises whilst this work is on the list to be done it may be a couple of months before he has adequate resource to undertake the work.

8d: Reimbursement to Clerk for purchase of dog mess signs: You will be asked to agree the refund for two bespoke signs asking people to dispose of dog mess in the litter bins provided.

10a St John's Church mower: The PCC was successful in its application for the £495 grant from Ray Windfund for a new mower. This grant will be put together with the £200 trade in cost (including a £100 donation from the Parish Council) to purchase a new mower for the upkeep of the graveyard.

10b: Brierley Gardens Karbon Homes work: On behalf of the residents who have suffered problems during the work I have received and shared the response Guy Opperman MP received from Karbon Homes. You will be asked to consider what, if any, further action should be taken.