**Item 16. Churchyard Report**

Following an examination of the Churchyard by Cllrs Burton, Mills and Soanes on 6th July 2023.

1. On re-examination and to limit potential slippage by users, the area immediately inside the ‘kissing gate’ at the south-end of the Churchyard should be levelled and limited gravel laid. Re-establishing a gravel path from the Church is viewed as out of keeping with the Churchyard’s conservation credentials and of limited, if any benefit to user safety.
2. Depressions in the gravel drive to the north of the Church need to be raised to avoid puddling.
3. The end slab to the chest/table tomb between the Church and the road that needed attention has been laid down. There is minimal clean-up to be undertaken apart from a metal flange protruding from the tomb, which needs cutting off as it might cause injury, subject to agreement of the PCC.
4. A full risk assessment of the Churchyard should be scheduled to take place once the Churchyard has been cut.
5. Both Churchyard seats should be re-treated this year.
6. Saplings should be removed from the table tombs adjacent to Church House. This will follow the grass cut.
7. The Yew Tree to the left of the porch will need pruning in 2024 and this work should be scheduled.
8. For work this year a budget of £100 should be set aside for remedial work:
   1. £60 Gravel (Kissing Gate and Drive)
   2. £40 Wood Stain

Cllr Nick Mills 07th July 2023