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Clerk's Report

1. The deep clean of hedges was delayed by the weather but is due to be carried out shortly.
2. The Church will be hosting Community 360 at their warm spaces coffee morning on 10th January 2023.
3. The replacement Christmas tree was erected and decorated on 18th December and the NGCA hosted the pantomime and a carols around the tree event. Unfortunately, there has been vandalism with a number of tree decorations broken but the litter team has cleared up the damage.
4. The Grant from the Braintree District Council Councillor Fund has been received which covers the cost of the purchase of the Christmas tree and Memorial Tree. I will now make arrangements for the Memorial Tree to be planted.
5. The Parish Council has been awarded Quality status in the Local Council Award scheme.
6. The work to the tree in the Levens Way play area will be carried out shortly.
7. I have received a number of complaints regarding organised car racing on the A131 and have directed the complainants to the Police.
8. Finally, I am listing some matters where no action is required by the Parish Council but where a response is awaited from others.

Issue	First raised
Transfer of land between developers and Braintree District Council – <i>agreement reached between BDC and Countryside Properties regarding land to be transferred and commuted sum. Only outstanding issue is the future of the Unity Hand sculpture</i>	May 2012
Parish Council application for a 'warning pedestrians sign on A131 adjacent to Astronomer pub – Signage recommended for funding in financial year 2022 – 2023 at an estimated cost of £5,000	January 2015
Tree Strategy for the Parish – await Braintree District Council tree officer	July 2019
Application for 20mph speed limit within White Court section of the Parish – feasibility to be undertaken and current listed in the 'awaiting funding' list of the LHP	July 2020
Local Highway Panel application for tactile paving at Bridge End Lane – application submitted to LHP and currently in validation	June 2022
Rewilding scheme – await more information from BDC in 2023/4	October 2022
Tree Warden – voluntary position continues to be advertised	September 2022
ECC member led pothole programme – issues reported and response awaited from ECC	October 2022
Application to the North Essex Parking Partnership for parking restrictions at the bottom of Cuckoo Way and junction with Wood Way – submitted in November and on hold pending survey response	November 2022

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 3rd January 2023