

Mowing in Lowdham village

We have recently received some negative feedback about the state of grass verges and other areas in the village. As most of you may recall, the mowing contract expired earlier this year and the new contract was put out to tender and was awarded to Newark and Sherwood District Council. Whilst we have received some positive comments about the standard of work performed, it has been clear that there were areas of the village where mowing had not been done. Earlier this week, we were able to meet with a representative from NSDC to discuss the contract. It seems that there has been some confusion as to which areas were to be mown and, hopefully, this has now been resolved.

There has also been comment about the bank between the cricket pitch and the roundabout and Southwell Road. We have reminded NSDC that this is to be cut on a fortnightly basis and we have asked for a quotation to tidy up the shrub bed at the base of the bank. This is an area that we looked at a few years ago. It is a gateway to the village and should look smart. However, the original plans for the new roundabout meant that this area was to be subsumed into the highway and lost to the village. As a result, the area was left. We are reluctant to carry out extensive or expensive work in this area until the new roundabout has been completed but will see if this can be tidied up in the meantime.

We hope that the issues have been resolved and are grateful to NSDC for their prompt response to our request for a meeting. As you know, the parish councillors are unpaid residents of the village and the Parish Council has no full-time employees, so we rely on people to report problems by emailing our clerk or contacting a councillor directly.