



Environment & Amenities Working Party

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PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE & REPLACEMENT:

Work commenced on the replacement of the remaining rotten perimeter fencing together with the correct installation of the 'bully gate' on Tuesday, 4th January and completed the following week. Our contractor refitted signage, washed down, removed all debris, waste and surplus from site under licence, leaving the playground clean and tidy. This latest improvement to the playground has been very well received. The visual impact is much improved (see photos below)



The order for the replacement swing set has been placed, we await delivery date at which point the installation will be scheduled, meantime, we have asked our groundsman to remove the existing swing units at his earliest convenience. The play bark area will be extended by 5m to incorporate all play equipment within one continuous safety area after the new swing unit has been installed. We are hoping to complete Phase 2 of the playground upgrade before the end of March.



VILLAGE RECREATION GROUND:

As previously reported and agreed, to protect the mature and vintage oak trees, hedgerow and allow reseedling of the ground as envisaged in the grant of full planning permission, the compacted aggregate to the side and rear of the scout new build was carefully scrapped. This waste material was placed in the car park ready for licenced transfer at the beginning of December. In the process of removing the waste aggregate from the side and rear of the tenant new build, our contractor discovered a significant amount of builder's waste buried beneath a membrane laid between the new build and the tree line. It was agreed at Meeting, that the tenant responsible should arrange for this newly discovered illegal landfill to be added to the pile of waste aggregate. The Parish Council would then cover the cost of waste transfer under Environment Agency Licence to an approved waste management facility for disposal at a licenced landfill site. This generous offer was communicated by the Clerk and accepted by the tenant's representative. The parish council delayed the scheduled waste collection to provide the tenant time to make arrangements. However, beyond the initial acceptance and despite repeated requests for updates, the tenant failed to respond.

BWPC had already organized a mini digger with licensed driver to carry out drainage work on Friday, 17th December (see below). In the absence of a response from the tenant BWPC arranged for the mini digger to also remove the illegal environmental waste from the rear of the scout hut. Unfortunately, the delay increased the cost to the tax payer as the weather changed, waste is charged by weight and the aggregate and rubble had become wet and therefore heavier.





The area behind the scout hut from where the illegal landfill was uncovered and removed now requires appropriate grade topsoil 15-20ml 70:30 mix @ £25 per tonne. Once reinstated our Groundsman will be able to progress the rejuvenation project by seeding the area and preparing the tree line ready to replenish the hedgerow stock.

CAR PARK REINSTATEMENT & TENANT DRAINAGE:

CAR PARK REINSTATEMENT

Burton Scout Group agreed at a meeting on Tuesday, 14th September the outstanding works that formed the Grant of Full Approval will be completed and offered to pay for the bike stand and make a contribution towards the reinstatement of the car park. BWPC wish these works to be carried out by our chosen contractor to ensure standards are met and recourse should they not be.

Comparison quotes have been obtained and ranged between £8,100 - £45,000 to reinstate an approximate car parking area of 800m². This working party recommends selection of a permeable medium in keeping with the semi rural location.





TENANT DRAINAGE:

As discussed and agreed at Meeting, before any remedial works to the car park could be progressed the drain run from the football changing rooms facility to the main foul drain needed to be checked for root infestation and/or fabric damage. The inspection was carried out by All Clear Drains, a Burton based groundworks drainage specialist, who are former Burton football club players and have also worked at the site in the past.

A quick visual inspection on Thursday, 16th December noted the Scout's foul drain was blocked – this was immediately reported to the Clerk who in turn informed the tenant.



All Clear Drains returned the following morning, Friday 17th December with a mini digger as required to locate the main manhole, which was eventually found hidden in the hedgerow



under more builder's debris, bramble and the tree trunk. This joint chamber, where the scout drain run meets the football drain run, has started to break up and needs to be replaced. – we recommend this cost is borne by the parish council. Both sets of drains were all blasted and checked. The good news is the drain run from the football changing rooms to the joint manhole is in good condition and likely to remain so for the next 10 years – so no need to replace. Unfortunately, the Scouts drain run to the joint manhole evidently had collapsed some years ago and is full of aging aggregate. It appears that during the course of the new build the contractor didn't check the condition of the existing drain before connecting new to old. The necessary repairs are the financial responsibility of the tenant.



We recommend BWPC undertake the works and recharge as appropriate to ensure that the job charged for is completed to a high standard and in accordance with the lease.

As the mini digger was required on site to find the manhole under the builder's rubble in the hedgerow, Mr Barton also kindly agreed to move the unauthorized landfill found at the back of the scout new build into the car park ready for licenced collection and transfer on Monday, 20th December 2021.

VANDALISM and Anti Social Behaviour:

We are not aware of any sightings or reports of anti social behaviour December to date.

FOOTBALL:

We are pleased to report the behaviour continues to be much improved on previous years. All football matches are monitored and while the use of industrial language can still be heard and some matches are louder than others, the Clerk has not received any complaints since the October report but has received positive communications from both football club and residents.

The introduction of T&Cs and reduction of team numbers from 2017's five teams to a more manageable two teams seems to have had the desired effect of rebalancing the needs of the football club with the expectations of the local residents living nearest the field. This is an excellent result, one Saturday team and one Sunday team affords residents their right to once again enjoy their properties and gardens at weekends.



VILLAGE GREEN:

The first wave of field poppies will be sown around the newly reset Luke Taylor memorial bench and silent soldier silhouettes at the beginning of February and then in regular intervals throughout late winter/early spring.



BUS STOPS

As previously reported, bus shelters in poorest condition have been earmarked for replacement with good condition nearly new. BCP have once again failed to communicate a works schedule with dates to the parish council, however, when contacted by E&AWP for update on 9 January, Nick Phillips of BCP Transportation & Engineering, immediately confirmed the shelter at Martins Hill Lane nearing Salisbury Road had been removed by BCP contractors that day, and the installation of the replacement will follow although he was not able to provide a date.

BWPC leases the land this bus shelter is sited on from Meyrick Estate. Out of courtesy BWPC/E&AWP has kept Meyrick Estate informed throughout, we are disappointed BCP did not keep the parish council or Buses For Burton in the loop.





Bus shelters listed for replacement

- Martins Hill Lane
- Martins Hill Lane junction of Sandy Plot
- Salisbury Road junction of Campbell Road.



MEMORIAL BENCHES AND TREES

The public reaction to the new benches and corrective resetting of two existing benches has been extremely positive. With the majority of villagers preferring not to use social media we suggest advertising the Memorial Bench and Tree Policy by placing a small notice in the parish council notice boards.

ROAD MARKINGS AND SIGNAGE

Following recent complaints from residents and the successful completion of our request to refresh worn road markings and replace broken road signage throughout Burton and Winton, BWPC E&A WP has submitted a request to BCP review and refresh speed limit road markings and signage in Footners Lane.





FINGERPOSTS:

The fingerpost at the end of Preston Lane requires maintenance – as requested the Clerk has contacted the manufacturer requesting a return visit to tighten the fingers to prevent them from being moved and providing false direction.

The final fingerpost to be reinstated is the Winkton Green fingerpost – historic photos have been previously supplied. Parish Council yet to discuss and approve. Clerk to provide update on costs, BCP/Dorset County Council site approval etc

QUEENS GREEN CANOPY PROJECT

BWPC plan to replace the diseased trees removed from Martins Hill Recreation Ground and this initiative from the Lord Lieutenant to increase tree planting and commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 fits well with our Parish Council's commitment to protect native tree cover and enhance our environment. We expect to plant more trees at the Recreation Ground later this year and BWPC wish to be involved in creating this special gift for HRH.

Having consulted with Meyrick Estate's favoured tree specialist, we recommend planting in stages starting with approximately five or six native broadleaf trees in the recreation ground in the cleared areas to the rear of the car park and playground. We await their quote for supply and planting of appropriate species.

BOCKHAMPTON LAND OCCUPATION: AKA HOLFLEET GREEN –

A meeting has been arranged with a local resident who has expressed concerns – we hope to have an update next month.



The piece of land is the triangle formed by Harpway Lane and Burley Road near the Lamb Inn. It has been fenced in, further to the last Meeting more trees have been cut down and we have been advised by Ward Councillor Simon McCormack the matter is in the hands of BCP legal department and may take some time to resolve.

This is of concern and causing great distress to many residents. The Parish Council and villages alike are concerned if the wheels of bureaucracy are permitted to turn slowly without interest from the unitary council it could result in the land being misappropriated by those who have no right to it.

The situation is having a detrimental effect on the local residents and the area has become an eyesore. The keeping of a pigs on this site is impacting on the enjoyment of the private land opposite which is used as horse paddocks. Ponies and pigs do not mix, many horses are afraid of pigs. Ponies using the road are spooked by the pig/s and are suffering distress, this is a busy road, riders, animals and pedestrians are all being placed at risk by one person's actions to attempt at a land grab.

Pressure to be kept up else BWPC will be accused of complacency – we would like BCP to explore all avenues of non compliance as a matter of urgency and report back.

Specifically can BCP investigate the following:

- 1. OWNERSHIP OF LAND: Has the historic ownership of this land been established in order to consider whether the triangle is manorial waste? **UPDATE: The Clerk wrote to the assumed landowner's agents but so far without response.***
- 2. PIG MOVEMENT: Our understanding is all pigs must be registered and all pig movements have to be reported and recorded. Could BCP investigate whether the pigs owner is complying with these rules and update the Parish Council as a matter of urgency.*
- 3. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF PIG KEEPING: It is recommended an area of ½ acre is required to keep two pigs. There are strict rules concerning rodent control, hygiene and spread of disease. **UPDATE: It has been established that the site has been inspected by Animal and Plant Health Agency. The local Animal Welfare Officer was advised that one of pigs was 7 months old at the time of their visit in May. The pig is now 12 months old and will require tagging and additional documentation.***
- 4. USE OF CCTV: There are several signs warning that CCTV is in use, this is overt filming. Has this been registered with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and the necessary data protection fee paid or is this simply intimidatory behaviour? BCP to investigate and update the Parish Council as matter of urgency.*

STAPLE CROSS: – NO FURTHER UPDATE

Taylor Wimpey provided the following response to question raised by Alinda Howland relating to the proposed development of Roeshot Hill and the impact on Staple Cross

QUOTE: Re the Scheduled Ancient Monument, again the plans have not yet been finalised. A Heritage Management Plan has to be prepared by Taylor Wimpey and approved by the Council prior to the commencement of any works in this parcel of land. The Outline Planning Consent stipulates that the developer has to undertake an archaeological investigation of the Scheduled Ancient Monument, repair the cross (resetting and repointing the stone by specialist stonemasons) and fund landscape works, but again no detail has yet been prepared. UNQUOTE



We previously expressed concern that this historic landmark and scheduled monument is being overlooked and has no maintenance schedule. More recently Christchurch History in Pictures, a local social media history group has been in touch regarding the condition of the metal markers and Staple Cross. We have responded to confirm that we have already carried out a village survey of assets and items of interest and mapped and photographed. We advised them the condition of the metal mile markers and the requirement for maintenance has already been put to the Parish Council for consideration and we hope to carry out this work when the weather improves. The base of Staple Cross appears to be sinking into the ground and we will need to seek out specialist advice on restorative work and how to it should be funded.

They have also sent through some information about an archaeological dig carried out within the parish boundary at Clockhouse Barrow in 2019, this early Neolithic long barrow has been entered into the Historic Environment Records. We said we will investigate further. Max and I have both joined the Christchurch History Society as this will assist us with further research into the history of our parish.