



# Environment & Amenities Working Party

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## PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE & REPLACEMENT:

The annual playground inspection was carried out and listed a few minor adjustments. The report was immediately shared with the contractor, a crew was promptly despatched to site to make good all points raised. The issue with the swings and exposed membrane is believed to be caused by adults using the swings dragging their heels. The seat heights have been adjusted and the membrane tacked down.

**Outstanding.** Our groundsman will be installing a line of dragon's teeth along the grass to clearly separate the carpark from the playground area and keep all users of the playground safe from vehicles.

## VILLAGE RECREATION GROUND:

The two entrance barrier gates require attention. Neither have been serviced in years, both look shabby and in need of refurbishment ie treatment of surface rust and a clean. The larger barrier gate on Martins Hill Close is out of alignment making it very difficult to secure in place either open or closed, with the swing barrier being extremely heavy and difficult to lift in to position there is a high risk to personal injury. The smaller barrier and pedestrian gate on Martins Hill Lane has been noted in past Minutes as too narrow for larger vehicles such as fire engines. There is no point painting these gates until the issues are addressed or the gates replaced. We are seeking advice and quotes for service repair and/or replacement.

The final stage of the rejuvenation project will be the creation of a wild flower bank along the ditch on the east flank which ideally should be scheduled late spring.

The area will need preparing in March 2023, ready for tilling a month later and finally seed sowing in the mid April 2023. The experts are BCP Environment Services, they have quoted £640 labour, sand and machine hire. The seed was kindly donated by a local business in 2020 and needs to be sown no later than next year. The intention has always been to make this a community project and we see this as an ideal opportunity to approach Burton School with the suggestion of inviting pupils to a day of seed sowing. **Majority approval is sought to a) accept the quote and schedule the work and, b) approach Burton School.**

On Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, BWPC was once again delighted to support this year's Scout Carnival. The event itself was a great success, providing a wonderful opportunity to bring the community together after two years of Covid restrictions. The attendance was greater than has been seen in many years – highlighting a couple of Health & Safety concerns which have been conveyed to the Scout Group's Chairman to be followed up with a written report and recommendations for future events. Overall, this charity event was well organized from start to finish. The field was vacated and cleaned with military efficiency. Full credit to John Bedford and Joyce Colebourne of Burton Scout Group.



The parish council pop-up was located nearest the new children's playground, which was in constant and heavy use throughout the day, and manned by Councillors Pountain, Wade and Mussell. All those who came to chat mentioned in the improvements to the field in glowing terms, including some who were concerned when the hedgerow height was dramatically reduced but now accept why this work needed to be done and the obvious benefit to the ground, beautiful trees and surrounding area. One resident raised concerns about small groups of teenagers with e-scooters and motorbikes gathering on the north side (Whitehayes) and possible drug use. The main bugbear residents wanted to talk about was speeding on all through roads and lanes in the parish and parking on pavements and verges around Burton.



Following the approach from Burton Primary School, the pirate themed fun days at the recreation ground went ahead on 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> July. Having checked with BWPC first, Burton Scout Group kindly permitted use of the scout hut providing necessary facilities for the children. It sounded and looked like a great time was had by all. Residents commented on how delightful it was to see so many little children having so much fun.

## TREE REPLISHMENT & QUEENS GREEN CANOPY PROJECT

All trees continue to be regularly watered by members of E&A WP. During this warm weather we have received offers from residents to assist with the watering of the seventeen newly planted trees for which we are extremely grateful.

As previously reported there are a further eight trees to be planted in October – details to follow in September.

Commemorative plaques for this project must follow the approved design and materials – quotes are being sought.



## CAR PARK REINSTATEMENT

Our contractor completed works on the carpark to schedule mid May 2022. Binding path gravel was laid on a base of levelled crushed limestone and left to dry/set for three days.

There is one small area at the rear of the football hut that requires attention -the matter has been raised with the contractor who has given assurance this patch will be completed.



Clerk to obtain confirmation of scout group financial contribution toward these scout hut grant of approval planning conditions. – **Clerk to update**

## MEMORIAL BENCHES AND TREES:

The second commissioned memorial bench was installed on the recreation ground on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> July. The exact location of the bench was decided following discussions with the resident and groundsman, taking into consideration the location of the existing bench to ensure all three parties are happy.



## VANDALISM AND ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR:

No reported incidents, although one resident raised concerns over possible drug activity by a group of teenagers regularly gathering around the Whitehayes bench.



## FOOTBALL:

At the request of AFC Burton a meeting was hurriedly arranged between parish council meetings “to discuss arrangements for next season - matches, training and maintenance”. The meeting took place on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> June at the recreation ground and was attended by representatives of the AFC Burton and parish councillors.

### Matters discussed

- **Defibrillator supplied to AFC Burton by the Football Foundation** – For practical reasons the defib may have to be installed on the scout hut – Richard Davis of AFC Burton will pursue with the Burton Scout Group. Advice since received by the Clerk from BCP Planning confirms the Parish Council has the same permitted development rights under Part 12 of the GPDO so won't need planning permission for the external placement of a defibrillator on either the football hut or scout building. The superior landlord has also confirmed agreement to external placement on either hut. Any necessary modification to the electrical supply to either property will need to be certified to satisfy the terms of the tenant's lease and building insurance policy.
- **Arrangements for next season:** Following the collapse of the BDFa Saturday league AFC Burton have joined the Saturday Church League which is also affiliated with the FA. From September 2022, the Saturday team will be known as AFC Burton St Lukes and will play morning matches with KO @ 10am -
- **Five a side** – one AFC Burton representative complained that the parish council refused their request for a five a side tournament this year forcing them to move the event to Bransgore Village Hall. This is not the case, no such request was made, however, councillors pointed out the Bransgore facility is a much larger venue with three pitches, large car park and where this type of organized football event of is part of their regular offering.
- **Matches, training and maintenance:** The football club asked if they could have midweek evening and Saturday morning training sessions during the summer outside of the season and continuing on throughout the season. They also asked if they could host pre-season summer friendlies. The football club were reminded of the negotiated terms and conditions of pitch hire and that any of their activities on the recreations ground must be booked in advance and paid for.
- **Finance** – they asked for assistance to pay their utility bills
- **Damaged tree** – It was claimed that the staked copper beech sapling had snapped as a result of a 'million to one shot'. The matter was reported to the police by a member of the public who witnessed members of the away team urinating in the bushes and deliberately snapping the tree by hand. BWPC heard of the incident third hand.

During the course of the meeting Councillors repeated that no decision could be made outside of parish council meetings.

As the negotiated terms and conditions are not due to be reviewed until December 2022 we request majority approval to further research how other local and parish councils manage multiple use open spaces to balance the needs and requirements of the general public during the summer months and commercial requests for organized sports. **In the meantime, we are happy to support the change in Saturday team switching to morning matches which fits with the existing terms and conditions for pitch hire and propose that we freeze the current tariff for the coming season. Majority support sought**



## MILE MARKERS:



There are two historic metal mile markers in Burton on Salisbury Road, that form part of a series plotting the route from Christchurch to Ringwood. Located outside Staple Cross Farm and Burton Hall, these two character assets compliment the heritage fingerposts and deserve our protection and attention. We have been quoted £140 each (consumables and labour) to treat for rust and paint black on white. **Majority approval is sought to accept the quote and schedule the work ASAP.**

## VILLAGE GREEN:

All trees continue to be watered and cleared of weeds by members of E&A WP. During the warm spell the trees are being watered daily early morning or late afternoon.

## FINGERPOSTS:

Staple Cross fingerpost – is awaiting repair to prevent the fingers being swung to give the wrong directional information. - **Clerk to update**

The final fingerpost to be reinstated at Winkton will replace all existing road signage. Quotes are being sought - **Clerk to update**

## BUS STOPS:

Following six months of chasing BCP, the bus stop at the top of Martins Hill Lane, removed without notification in January, has now been replaced. BWPC have informed both Meyrick Estate and the Burton bus group of its final return and thanked BCP. The land to the right of the bus stop is now fully visible and in a poor state. Could the Clerk contact Meyrick Estate to ascertain what plans they have for this piece of land.



There remain two further busstops in equally poor condition listed for replacement. We continue to discuss with these with BCP

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



**BOCKHAMPTON LAND OCCUPATION: AKA HOLFLEET GREEN:  
– FURTHER UPDATE TO BE PROVIDED IN SEPTEMBER**

**BURLEY ROAD – Swans, Power outages: – NO FURTHER UPDATE**

*Following a further power outage last week, BWPC registered an on-line complaint with SSEN. This was the third three lengthy outage in recent months and the result of swans taking flight and striking overhead power cables on Burley Road. BWPC has requested additional Swan deflectors be fitted to this stretch of overhead cables.*



*Councillors have also received complaints from residents about excessive mud and stones dispersed by heavy plant vehicles being deployed at a construction site on Burley Road. These vehicles are also destroying the verges, creating dangerous road conditions for drivers and pedestrians alike. More research is required regarding the conditions of planning approval before drafting a letter to be sent to all appropriate parties.*

## **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 a historic landmark and scheduled monument.*

***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***