



# Environment & Amenities Working Party

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## PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE & REPLACEMENT:

Our groundsman has installed a line of dragon's teeth along the grass to clearly separate the carpark from the playground area and keep all vehicles a safe distance. We were informed the posts are at a comfortable height to sit on! The dog waste bin will be relocated closer the main barrier gate and double up as the final post.



## VILLAGE RECREATION GROUND:

Per previous report, the two entrance barrier gates require attention. 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, following majority approval received at the last meeting this work has been schedule for March/April 2023

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. **Clerk to update**

## TREE REPLENISHMENT & QUEENS GREEN CANOPY PROJECT

All young trees were regularly watered by members of E&A WP throughout the drought, however, we are worried about three of the saplings.

As previously reported, there are a further eight trees to be planted in October.



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.

As promised the contractor returned to finish the small area at the rear of the football hut that required attention



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:

During the summer we received an informal enquiry which has yet to be progressed.

## VANDALISM AND ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR:

No reported incidents.

## FOOTBALL:

The 2022/23 football season is underway with a Saturday and Sunday team each playing morning matches. The September home fixtures list has been passed to our Groundsman to ensure the cutting schedule compliments home games.

- **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, **No further update**

The negotiated terms and conditions are due to be reviewed in December 2022.



## MILE MARKERS:

The two historic metal mile markers in Burton on Salisbury Road, that form part of a series plotting the route from Christchurch to Ringwood have each been refurbished and look resplendent. Located outside Staple Cross Farm and Burton Hall, these two character assets compliment the heritage fingerposts and deserve our protection.



## VILLAGE GREEN:

Throughout the summer members of E&A WP have continued to diligently water the trees on the green every other day plus the four black plastic flower tubs.

Reflective tape has been added to the bollards the length of the one way – as the nights draw in these should prove quite handy for some making their way home from the pub.



## 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**

## FOOTPATHS :

During the public participation of the July meeting a resident raised concern about a footpath in Bockhampton that had become overgrown and impassable. Councillor Tony Bragg has since reported he had a meeting at the end of July with BCP to discuss cutback of this footpath in early August. The Environment & Amenities working party will undertake a coordinated review of all footpaths and signage throughout the parish.



## BUS STOPS:

The two bus shelters on Martins Hill Lane have now been replaced with good condition pre-used units. BWPC has kept the Burton Bus Campaign Group informed of our progress throughout.



There remains one further bus stop in equally poor condition listed for replacement on Salisbury Road at the junction of Campbell Road which we continue to discuss with BCP.



The Burton Bus Campaign Group have identified and raised concerns over another shelter in poor condition on Campbell Road. BWPC are making efforts to add this shelter to the list and request bus stop road markings be refreshed.



## ROAD SIGNAGE and ROAD MARKINGS:

At the request of this parish council, several damaged signs have been replaced during the summer by BCP



## BOCKHAMPTON LAND OCCUPATION: AKA HOLFLEET GREEN: – NO FURTHER UPDATE

### 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*