



Environment & Amenities Working Party

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PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE & REPLACEMENT:

The playground replacement is complete. The playground is extremely popular with young families (our target users), in constant use, seven days week. This project is a great success.

The equipment and area is checked weekly by Councillor Mussell. Recent mild weather has promoted rapid grass growth - Groundsman is aware and will be carrying out additional cuts as he can to keep the area manageable.

The play bark requires raking and even distribution in some areas of high use.

VILLAGE RECREATION GROUND:

We are delighted Burton Primary School have accepted BWPC's invitation to be part of the final stage of the rejuvenation – the creation of a wild flower bank along the ditch on the east flank. This event will take place in April 2023, the exact date is unknown at this time but we will be liaising with the school and local press nearer the time.

We are seeking advice and quotes for service repair and/or replacement the two entrance barrier gates that require attention.

TREE REPLENISHMENT & QUEENS GREEN CANOPY PROJECT.

Despite valiant efforts to keep the young trees adequately watered throughout the long dry summer we have lost a couple of those planted last winter. As previously reported and approved, there are a further eight trees to be planted during the coming winter.

Following last month's meeting, commemorative plaques for the Queen's Green Canopy project have been ordered and will be secured in place on arrival.

CAR PARK REINSTATEMENT

All work is now complete. The reinstatement of the carpark is a listed condition of grant of full approval for the new scout hut build. Scout Executive Committee will discuss making a financial contribution toward this work at their forthcoming meeting and will communicate their proposal to the Clerk –**Clerk to update**

MEMORIAL BENCHES AND TREES:

No enquiries have been received since the last meeting. The benches on the recreation ground are well used and enjoyed by a great many.

VANDALISM AND ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR:

Unknown youths continue to gather in the babies playground after dark when the weather is fine. Residents continue to ask them to keep the noise down and leave often with abusive response.



Alcohol consumption and smoking is evident, drug dealing is suspected, all incidents continue to be reported to the police.

FOOTBALL:

The introduction of Saturday and Sunday morning fixtures is proving favourable with neighbouring residents. It would be helpful if AFC Burton passed updated fixture lists to BWPC at the same time the information is provided to FA Full Time. This information assists our groundsman in scheduling his maintenance programme ahead of time.

- **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:

Historically the grass cutting has been carried out by another, but this has now come to an end and we need to make new arrangements. Three contractors were invited to tender including our Groundsman. While our groundsman declined to tender as he is currently fully committed he recommended fortnightly cuts during growing season (April-October) and a two man team, one to cut the grass the other to strim around the various obstacles ie line of bollards, silent soldiers silhouettes and four benches, rubbish bins.

Please see two quotes for discussion and majority approval to instruct.





FINGERPOSTS:

Staple Cross fingerpost – is awaiting repair to prevent the fingers being swung to give the wrong directional information. – **in answer to Clerk's enquiry, the manufacturer provided two options**

1. **Retrofit a countersunk tamper resistant torx driven screw.** Costs will be around £120 as each hole will need countersinks in the casting - plus the special screws/tooling: about £80. – Estimate of £280 to carry out this solution to both fingerposts in question. BWPC to confirm and thread size
2. Tighten and hide existing screws at a cost of £60 inc mileage.

The final fingerpost to be reinstated at Winkton will replace all existing road signage. It was decided at the last meeting this project should be placed on hold pending repair of the existing fingerposts.

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. **NO FURTHER UP DATE AT THIS TIME**

BUS STOPS:

From BWPC's original list, there remains one bus shelter waiting for replacement on Salisbury Road at the junction of Campbell Road. Following a request from the Burton Bus Campaign group, BWPC made representations to BCP to add the very sad bus shelter on Campbell Road to the list of shelters requiring replacement - BCP confirmed by email on 20th October both bus shelters will be replaced but were unable to provide a date. We are keeping the Burton Bus Campaign group informed.



ROAD SIGNAGE and ROAD MARKINGS:

BWPC continues to advise BCP of road markings and signage in need of refreshing and/replacement.

POTENTIAL COMMUNITY GROWERS PROJECT:

BWPC is in communication with the landowner and researching funding opportunities.



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 overheard 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