



Environment & Amenities Working Party

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PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE & REPLACEMENT:

As a result of the playground's popularity, the play bark requires regular raking and even distribution in some areas of high use.

NOTHING FURTHER TO REPORT

VILLAGE RECREATION GROUND:

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

The entrance on Martins Hill Lane is a mishmash of wooden fences either side of a pedestrian swing gate and a narrow vehicular access gate. This arrangement is not DDA compliant, is not wide enough for a fire engine and presents a risk of unwanted incursions. We have a quote of £3620 Net to remove all existing elements including fencing and replace with a Woodstock kissing gate with mesh infill and a wider 4m galvanised barrier gate, also with mesh infill, and make good with uniform fencing either side. Additional quotes being sought.



Grants to be considered for this nonessential maintenance. **NO FURTHER PROGRESS**

VILLAGE GREEN:

NOTHING TO REPORT

VANDALISM AND ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR:

NOTHING TO REPORT

SCOUT HUT

Following the previous parish council meetings, the issue of rubbish and discarded items to the side of the scout hut has been discussed with the tenant, scout executive group, with assurances given these items would be removed, however, as of today's date nothing has been removed.

Given the fire risk and risk of damage to both tenants' huts and neighbouring private properties, it is now appropriate to officially write to the tenant requesting the immediate removal of all items at the side of the hut. **TO BE DISCUSSED AT MEETING, MAJORITY APPROVAL SOUGHT**

It is also noted that despite repeated requests the Fire Risk Assessment (FRA) due at the end of 2022 remains outstanding - **CLERK TO CHASE**



Fire Risk Assessment 2019

11. Other Fire Risks

Rubbish and waste materials should be kept to a minimum and adequate arrangements should be made for the regular disposal of unwanted items. ...provision to be made ensuring no rubbish is allowed to accumulate in or around the premises.



Following an unscheduled meeting between BWPC Clerk and Chair with members of the scout group executive committee where the permitted use of the hut was reportedly once again explained, no further breaches of the lease in terms of permitted use have occurred. The use of the hut is restricted to scout activities and cannot be used or hired out for private parties regardless of any connection to the scout group past or present.

MEMORIAL BENCHES AND TREES:

No enquiries have been received.

FINGERPOSTS:

Staple Cross fingerpost – is awaiting repair to prevent the fingers being swung to give the wrong directional information. At a previous meeting the BWPC agreed costs of remedial works to retrofit a countersunk tamper resistant torx driven screw. **CLERK TO UPDATE**

Proposed Winkton Fingerpost – Subject to confirmation and approval from BCP Council, the final fingerpost is intended to replace the existing signage at Winkton Green. **NO FURTHER PROGRESS.**

FOOTPATHS:

In July Burton & Winkton Parish Council received several contacts from local residents regarding the loss of the historic Avon Valley footpath used by hikers and local people alike and the matter was discussed at our July Parish Council meeting. For more information please refer to previous reports.

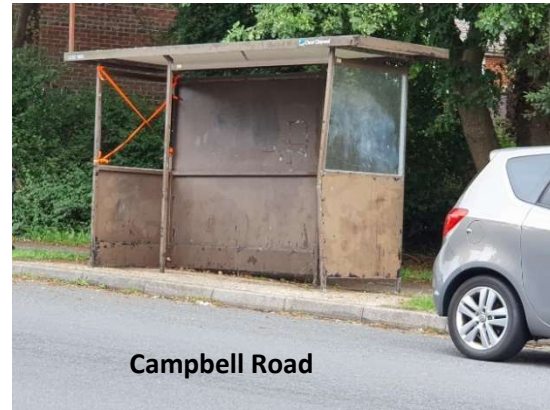


BWPC continues to work with BCP and the Environment Agency. The BCP Rights of Way team have accepted our suggestion for a safe alternative route from Burton to Christchurch Priory which is the end of the Avon Valley footpath.

A full report on the issue from agencies involved is promised by the end of the year. **CLERK TO UPDATE**

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. Further update from BCP received 20 January confirmed the bus shelters are part of the 2023/24 programme due to commence in April. BCP will keep BWPC informed, we will continue to chase. – BCP have notified the parish council these two bus shelters are scheduled for replacement in October 2023, this information was immediately passed to Burton Bus Campaign group.



Site notices were placed at the two bus stops in Campbell Road by BCP, inviting support/objection to the proposed introduction of bus clearways at two Campbell Road stops. Currently passengers are unable to safely board and alight buses at these stops due to parked cars. The clearways will allow buses to pull in correctly, parallel to the kerb allowing safe access for all passengers. **NO FURTHER UPDATE AT THE TIME OF WRITING. We continue to chase.**

ROAD SIGNAGE and ROAD MARKINGS:

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

FLOODING

REFERRED TO WARD COUNCILLORS – NO FURTHER UPDATE

POTENTIAL COMMUNITY GROWERS PROJECT:

NO FURTHER UPDATE AT THE TIME OF WRITING



BOCKHAMPTON LAND OCCUPATION: AKA HOLFLEET GREEN:

As reported in December, the historic landowner reclaimed and cleared the land at the end of October 2023. The area has been fenced and displays clear signage of ownership and management. Reports of damage to new fencing has been reported to the true landowner who is monitoring and repairing. **NO FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED BY PARISH COUNCIL.**



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

NO FURTHER UPDATE

