



# Environment & Amenities Working Party

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## PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE & REPLACEMENT:

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

## VILLAGE RECREATION GROUND:

Our Groundsman, took advantage of the dry spell to top the field grass during the first week of February. The following day the rain began to fall and the recreation ground, like all surrounding fields, is once again saturated.

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:

### FLY TIPPING / CCTV

In the first instance fly tipping should be reported to BPC tel: 01202 123 123 or on-line <https://www.bpcouncil.gov.uk/environment/environmental-problems/report-fly-tipping-or-illegal-waste-dumping> - contact details also available on BWPC website.

BWPC has considered use of CCTV to identify individuals and vehicles fly tipping in the past but was advised by BCP against trying to introduce due to the legal implications at the time.

Unfortunately, rural parish councils suffer widespread fly tipping due to the number of quiet country lanes where a truck load of builders waste or a car boot full of rubbish can be dumped without being observed or interrupted by passers by.

Deployable cameras that capture images of the culprits and vehicle registration numbers set up at known fly tipping sites can be very effective. Signage is required to ensure the general public are



aware of the cameras and this means the committed fly tipper will move to a nearby site where there is no surveillance. Burton and Winkton Parish Council has numerous locations where loads can be dumped without being spotted which means that CCTV is unlikely to be a deterrent.

## SCOUT HUT

Despite repeated requests the Fire Risk Assessment (FRA) due at the end of 2022 remains outstanding - **CLERK TO CHASE**

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 executive group, with assurances given these items would be removed, however, as of today's date the items remain. 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.

**NEXT STEPS TO BE DISCUSSED AT MEETING AND AGREED**

### ***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.*





## MEMORIAL BENCHES AND TREES:

No enquiries have been received.

## FINGERPOSTS:

**Staple Cross & Preston Lane fingerposts** – 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. Contractor is due to complete works before end of February 2024. **CLERK TO UPDATE**

**Proposed Winkton fingerpost** – previously agreed replacement of mishmash of signage currently located on the verge at Winkton Green. Awaiting update from BCP re clearing existing signage and any **necessary permissions BWPC will require to reinstate heritage fingerpost** **CLERK TO CHASE AND UPDATE**

Quote for heritage fingerpost £3700 . **CLERK TO UPDATE 13 Feb 2024**

## FOOTPATHS:

As previously reported, a full report on the flooding issues surrounding the final section of the Avon Vally Path from agencies involved was promised by the end 2023. **CLERK TO CHASE/UPDATE**

## BUS STOPS:

The replacement of the two remaining bus shelters has been delayed numerous times by BCP. BWPC was assured the works would take before the end of 2023/24 financial year. We continue to chase. **NO FURTHER UPDATE AT THE TIME OF WRITING.**



## 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**



## STAPLE CROSS: – NO FURTHER UPDATE

Short wooden posts/bollards have added to the area around the monument, presumably to stop parking on the grassed area. It is not known if this work was undertaken by BCP Highways or Roeshot development contractors

*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***

