



Environment & Amenities Working Party

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PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE & REPLACEMENT:

Annual inspection has been scheduled April/May – exact date yet to be provided to Clerk.

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

In anticipation of play bark levels requiring topping up in the annual inspection, BCP Environment Services have quoted £977 to supply and spread 20m³ (minimum load).

MAJORITY APPROVAL SOUGHT FOR EXPENDITURE PENDING INSPECTION 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. **Some residents have forced a path through the newly planted hedgerow rather than use the existing pedestrian gate.** For Martins Hill Lane barrier we already 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. Updated and additional quotes being sought.



Grants to be considered for this nonessential maintenance.

VILLAGE GREEN:

- A vandalized tree was reported on 3rd March and kindly replaced by Hinton Admiral Estate on 18th March 2024.





- The stainless steel cover from the Millennium Circle was reported missing, it transpires the Christmas tree provider was still in possession and has since returned it.

VANDALISM AND ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR:

- Vandalized tree on Burton village green. Reported to police: DP-5046-24-5555-03. This is the fourth tree on the green to be deliberately damaged since planting in 2021. A further two young trees planted in Martins Hill Recreation Ground have been vandalized and stolen since 2022.
- Residents have complained about poor behaviour of Scouts, specifically jumping on memorial benches and causing disturbance by screaming and shouting in the car park. **Suggest Clerk writes to Scout group leaders politely asking them to ensure those in their charge are properly supervised at all times.**

SCOUT HUT

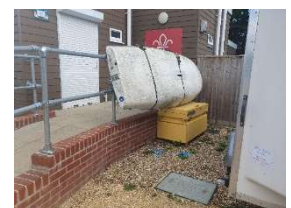
Following the previous parish council meetings, the issue of rubbish and discarded items to the side of the scout hut has been discussed with the tenant, scout executive group, with assurances given these items would be removed. Given the fire risk and risk of damage to both tenants' huts and neighbouring private properties, the Clerk formally wrote Landlord to Tenant requesting the immediate removal of all items at the side of the hut and for necessary repairs to the steps be carried out. Under the terms of the lease, the tenant has two months from the date of written communication to action the points raised. **CLERK TO CHASE**

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.





MEMORIAL BENCHES AND TREES:

For information only: BCP Environment Services, have provided updated costs to supply and secured the chosen Broxap Lakeside Bench on a slab base @ £1080

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:

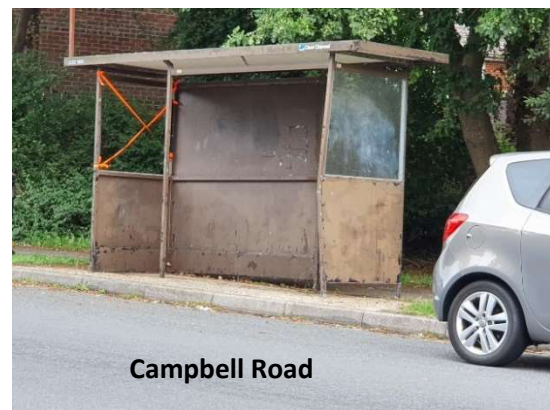
BWPC continues to work with BCP and the Environment Agency. The BCP Rights of Way team have accepted our suggestion for a safe alternative route from Burton to Christchurch Priory which is the end of the Avon Valley footpath.

For more information regarding loss of final section of Avon Valley Path please refer to previous reports.

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.



The Salisbury Road bus shelter appears to have been painted but not replaced. 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. Landowner has informed BWPC due to proximity to highway some tree works including necessary felling will take place at the end of April.

