



NOTES OF SITE MEETINGS OF OPEN SPACES AND PUBLIC CONVENIENCES ON FRIDAY 21ST JUNE 2019 AND SATURDAY 22ND JUNE 2019

CEMETERY

01/19 Friday 21st June at 10am

Present: Cllrs Mannington, Boswell, Robertson and Tippen. The Clerk, Deputy Clerk and Ian Jones Cemetery Caretaker also in attendance.

02/19 APOLOGIES

No apologies received

03/19 ITEMS DISCUSSED

Issues raised by Cemetery Caretaker:

Relatives of John Smith “Moshy” to be contacted with regard to height of fencing around the grave.

Check Rules of Fencing with regard to height and length. Various other graves are long (Robert James Broscoe, Amy Johnson and Jimmy Harris) and Cemetery Caretaker cannot fit mower past.

Section 3 – 5 Graves Left

Relatives of David Buoy's grave to be contacted with regard to rose bush to be trimmed down.

New area

Cllrs decided to start burial plots from right hand side (when facing new plot, back to Section 3). Sections are being called H (first adult burial plot), J (children and ashes interments), K (adult burial plots) and L (adult burial plots).

Rose bushes to be tended to as to remove weeds around the base.

Review Tree report

Tree Surgeon to be contacted with regard to topping two eucalyptus trees and tree with a low heavy branch to be cut down.

Other

Heathers had grown well in children's area and ashes interment area. Some were missing and Cllr Boswell to plant in the Autumn. Two had grown large and would need to be cut down when the time was right.

Monitor Soil waste from graves - Ray Vidler to be contacted to remove excess soil.

SOUTHONS FIELD

04/19 Friday 21st June at 10.45am

Present: Cllrs Mannington, Boswell, Robertson and Tippen. Clerk and Deputy Clerk also in attendance

05/19 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllr Adam

06/19 ITEMS DISCUSSED

Issues raised by caretaker

Caretaker was not in attendance so no issues raised.

Review of field and trees

The oak tree outside Cllr Boswell's property needs to be trimmed down especially lower branches.

Tall "Alder" tree needs trimming at the bottom to reveal trunk.

Bush near sheds, next to resident's garden needs trimming, special attention to small tree growing (take out).

Review of storage/mower shed and security

Mower shed needs more security. Possible alarm. A barrier was discussed.

Pavilion Kitchen needs sorting for caretaker to use as workshop.

Play Trail

Play Trail in good condition and still well used by children of village.

It was discussed that possibly more wooden/forest type play equipment could be added.

Other

Wild area near the play trail to be left as is.

Wooden benches are still in good condition but some are wobbly due to being dragged over grass. The Clerk had researched recycled plastic benches to be discussed at next Amenities Committee Meeting.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

07/19 Saturday 22nd June at 9.30am

Present: Cllrs Boswell, Jones, Mannington, Robertson, Tippen and Turner. The Deputy Clerk was also in attendance

08/19 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllr Adam

09/19 ITEMS DISCUSSED

Issues raised by Village Caretaker

Caretaker was not in attendance.

Cleaning

Cllrs remarked how clean both Ladies and Gents were and there were no unpleasant odours coming from the toilets.

Building inspection (internal and external)

Ladies had a crack in the corner of one of the toilets but Cllr Andy Turner stated building was structurally sound.

Other

Brambles next to Gents need to be cut back.

Bigger signs need to put on both Ladies and Gents and glue removed from door. Current signs are quite small and not clear. Locks are not working on first cubicle in Ladies Toilet and Gents single toilet.

Water meter needs to be checked. Cllrs could not find it.

PLAYING FIELD

10/19 Saturday 22nd June at 9.45am

Present: Cllrs Boswell, Jones, Mannington, Robertson, Tippen and Turner. The Deputy Clerk was also in attendance.

11/19 APOLOGIES

Cllr Adam gave his apologies

12/19 ITEMS DISCUSSED

Issues raised by Village Caretaker

Caretaker was not in attendance.

Changing Rooms inspection (internal and external)

Building externally sound – no issues

Internally – hot water was found to be on and Cllr Turner turned it off.

Left hand side of opening door, the lock is broken and not working.

The electricity was on but was this supposed to be in order for CCTV to function?

Do we test of Legionella? If so, how often and is it due again?

Cllr Tippen requested that the Caretakers check that hot water, showers, toilets and any other services are functioning properly before Football resumes in the Autumn.

Play Areas inspection

Cllrs inspected the recently vandalised roundabout in the Playing Field playground. Though the damage did not affect the functioning of the roundabout, the paint had been severely damaged and needed repainting. Cllrs requested that Park Leisure be contacted. Cllr Tippen stated that Park Leisure may no longer exist and that a company called Jupiter is in its place. At the Napoleon Drive playground, Cllrs discussed the need for the fencing to be painted – perhaps red and blue (gate being a different colour).

Cllr Boswell mentioned that there were a lot of weeds and nettles growing along the fence and that these should be removed.

Cllr Robertson stated that the bench in the Napoleon Drive playground is due to be replaced and asked to check when this was happening.

Napoleon Drive open space

A resident had emailed the Parish Office with regard to the hedges surrounding the play area and requested they be cut back as brambles were coming through.

Cllr Tippen requested that more brambles be removed from area.

Cllr Boswell asked for a dead tree to be removed in the corner.

Cllr Tippen found a gap near Napoleon Drive road and asked that perhaps a shrub could be planted there.

Field Gym Location

Cllrs looked at the map from the previous Consultation. Now that the path had been finalised, it was much clearer to see where these could go.

There was discussion about a possible three options:

Option 1: Stick with the original plan of having each of the six pieces put sporadically around the path. Whether these be in groups of one, two or three.

Option 2: Put each of three pieces equally down the sides of the pathway.

Option 3: Put all of the six pieces of equipment down near the Youth Shelter.

Trees

A resident from Napoleon Drive had informed the Parish Office that a tree overhanging their property was causing problems. Cllrs inspected area and agreed that action be taken.

Cllr Turner suggested that perhaps having tags for each of the trees in the Parish Open Spaces so we know what type is where.

Boundary

Cllrs reported no issues with the boundary of the Playing Field.

Other

Cllrs discussed the old site of the Youth Shelter, where the historic roundabout was situated. There was the option to make use of this area and make it more aesthetically pleasing. There were suggestions of tarmac/re-concreting the area and perhaps putting some artwork on it

e.g. snakes and ladders, numbers, hop scotch. Cllrs agreed that firstly, the top surface where the grass had grown over had to be removed to see what was left of the concrete base.

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