

Report Open Spaces and RGT
Parish Council Meeting 13 July 2022

Open Spaces

1. Footpath repairs at Pilgrim Close – part completed. Consideration of additional areas to be repaired.
2. Flag pole at Coronation Green – damaged and pulled down – reportedly by junior resident – repaired with added protective fencing – cost £100. No contribution to costs forthcoming as yet.
3. Review of condition of trees under responsibility of PC – Open Spaces and RGT. Discussion with contractor and inspection week 21 February. Tree at Pilgrim Close play area felled on 29 and stump removed. Consideration of replacement tree. Follow up inspections of trees in summer. Xref item 2 RGT.
4. Yellow Lines on High Street – ECC contacted to revive implementation of agreed changes following site visit last year. Following consultation, meeting with residents on High Street (where alternative solutions discussed) and discussions with NEPP (safety/sightlines), attached plan has NEPP approval and will be implemented on trial basis for six months commencing 11 July 2022 then reviewed. Yellow lines as per attached plan painted/deleted week commencing 27 June 2022.
5. Drains in village – many blocked. Discussions with Paul Gadd ECC Cllr. Some drains unblocked in South and Church Street. Ditch from South Street to river cleared. Acknowledged by ECC that further work required in Carmel, Carmen Streets and Pilgrim Close.
6. Lighting repairs – Number of lights out in village and contactor contacted. Replaced lights with low wattage LED bulbs.
7. Bike racks – discussion with resident regarding positioning of bike racks in village.
8. Purchase of land on Hyll Close by residents of Pilgrim Close – discussion with residents regarding purchase of land on Hyll Close and erecting fencing.
9. Play area at Pilgrim Close – see RGT.

RGT

1. Play areas at Recreation Ground and Pilgrim Close – Replacement of fencing at Recreation Ground play area completed. Repair and maintenance work to play equipment also completed save for one piece of equipment (ordered and to be fitted).

Long term consideration of funding for new/replacement play equipment at Rec and Pilgrim Close play areas. Questionnaire calling for comments from residents circulated. Views welcomed.

2. Trees at Recreation Ground – three lost following storm Eunice. Trees cleared within 10 days by either contractor or Aubrey. Consideration of replacement trees. Follow up inspections of trees in summer.
3. Footpath repairs on path from Meadow Road to play area at Recreation Ground. Path at recreation ground - continuation of repairs required by tree roots and Pilgrim Close path into the area before the play area – safety/trip issue. Review of electrical supply for lighting on footpath from Meadow Road to play area at Recreation Ground.
4. Ditches at Recreation Ground / Flood Defences – annual work – completed. Report to ECC in relation to ditch on Walden Road and culverts at Walden and Newmarket Roads. No obvious work done. Discussion with Paul Gadd ECC Cllr. Landowner upstream from allotments to Walden Road cleared ditches. Landowners downstream of Rec/Newmarket Road contacted and meeting with local agent where ditch clearance work already carried out and future work plan discussed. Some damage to culvert under B184. Cllr Gadd informed. Debris removed. To be followed up with both landowners. Review of ditch at HRG (see point 5 Open Spaces). Discussion with Cllr Gadd in relation to responsibility for culverts and ditch on B184. Wall fallen into ditch along B184 repaired by UDC.
5. Electrical supply – discussion with comm centre regarding electrical supply to comm centre and from comm centre to bowls club, multisports, and scout hut. Consideration of EV charging points. Survey of electrical supply to community centre, bowls club, multisports and scout hut completed. Recommended that electrical terminal box at multisports be replaced (corroded). Quote pending.
6. Gym equipment –Annual servicing completed. Reported by equipment supplier that small cracks appearing on *pull up bars*. Checked and possible small cracks on one pull up bar. Sign posted requesting that pull up bar not be used. Equipment supplier has inspected and reinforcement to be scheduled.
7. Drains at Rec car park – clearance of drains – completed. One drain in particular slow to drain. Discussions with comm centre.
8. Scout hut - Licence given to scout group to use the existing building and interim improvements. Long term lease and licence for expansion drafted and under discussion. Planning permission obtained. On-going discussion between PC/RGT, Comm Centre and scouts regarding electricity supply to scout hut (item 5).
9. CCTV – discussions revived with community centre and contractor.

10. Grass on Recreation Ground – football pitch and cricket outfield – Inspection by contractor with PC and cricket club representatives. Recommended verti draining, fertilizer application, top dressing with application of sand on football pitch to assist drainage - all completed.
11. Rospa report – Red flagged urgent risk items identified (to skate park) in report - repaired. Contractor identified for non-urgent repairs and maintenance to play equipment at Recreation Ground play area. Work completed at same time as new fencing (item 1.).
12. Skatepark – small repairs to steelwork completed and painted week 4 July 20022.
13. Arrangement agreed between PC and cricket club in relation to new grass cutting equipment purchased by cricket club.
14. Allotments – discussions between PC and allotment committee in relation to possible expansion of allotments and funding.
15. Giant Hogweed – noted at Kingsmill and on river. Management Company of Kingsmill informed.