

**Report Open Spaces and RG**  
**Parish Council Meeting 12 April 2023**

**Open Spaces**

1. Footpath repairs at Pilgrim Close – part completed. Consideration of additional areas to be repaired.
2. Review of condition of trees under responsibility of PC – Open Spaces and RG. Xref item 2 RG.
3. Yellow Lines on High Street – painted in/blacked out as recommended and agreed with NEPP following consultation and discussion with residents. Post 6 months trial period – following consultation with NEPP and residents agreed that lines as painted confirmed with NEPP. No response from NEPP as yet.
4. Drains in village. Discussions with Paul Gadd ECC Cllr. Reported all drains jetted in village. Some gullies in Pilgrim Close still require work. Drain at junction of School St and South St slow to drain.
5. Street Lighting repairs – eleven faulty lights upgraded to low wattage LED in March. Street lights on High Street require repair and the responsibility of ECC. Given delays in repair, consideration of PC repairing with the agreement of reimbursement from ECC. ECC and Paul Gadd ECC Cllr contacted.
6. Bike racks – discussion with residents regarding positioning of bike racks in village.
7. Play areas at Pilgrim Close – two unused play areas to be revived as play/social areas.
8. Potholes – discussions with Paul Gadd, residents of Ickleton and highways officer from CCC ref potholes and overgrown vegetation at and around rail bridge to Ickleton. Vegetation at and around rail bridge to Ickleton cut back. Potholes still an issue as require road closure. One big pothole in particular to be added to priority target list

## RG

1. Play areas at Recreation Ground and Pilgrim Close – Dogs being in the play area at Recreation Ground and poo an issue despite clear signage that prohibits dogs.

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 – Branch lost from tree at RG. Tree felled and cleared within 7 days by contractor with notice to UDC under emergency measures.

Consideration of replacement trees and discussions with UDC regarding supply of trees. Whips and three larger trees supplied.

Resident has raised issue of some trees requiring cutting back at HRG. Contractor has quoted and work to be undertaken 13 April 2023.

Health check scheduled for either w/c 3rd or w/c 10th April of all trees under responsibility of PC at RG and elsewhere in village.

3. Footpath repairs on path from Meadow Road to play area at Recreation Ground. Path at recreation ground – review of tree roots affecting path before the play area – safety/trip issue.

4. Ditches at Recreation Ground / Flood Defences – annual work completed in November. Land owners with ditches up/downstream contacted also ECC re culverts. Flow of draining water monitored in recent rainfall.

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. Lights at multisports to be changed for LEDs. Recommended that electrical terminal box at multisports be replaced (corroded) quotes received and discussions with contractors. Xref item 9 CCTV.

6. Gym equipment –Annual servicing completed week beginning 5 December. A number of bushes replaced. No further recommendations made by contractor.

7. Drains at Rec car park – clearance of drains completed week beginning 5 December. Two drains not draining and unblocked.

8. Scout hut - Licence given to scout group to use the existing building and interim improvements. Long term lease agreed. Updated plans and planning permission application approved for extension in conjunction with adjacent storage unit. On-going discussion between PC/RGT, Comm Centre and scouts regarding electricity supply to scout hut (item 5) and solar panels on scout hut.

9. CCTV – plans revived for replacement cameras and recording system. Quote received. Plan for work on mast with CCTV cameras to be done in conjunction with electrical work including replacement of floodlights at multisports as both require cherry picker. Discussions on-going with contractors regarding scheduling and additional camera to view entrance to the Rec/comm centre car park.
  
10. Grass on Recreation Ground – football pitch and cricket outfield – Inspection by contractor with PC and cricket club representatives. Agreed schedule with contractor regarding work on football pitch and cricket outfield. Vertidrainning (as condition of grass allowed) of football pitch and cricket outfield, sand top dressing and seeding to outfield completed week 23 January. Remaining work on outfield as weather allows and work on football pitch to be completed at end of football season after Easter.  
  
The football team that uses the football pitch – PSG FC – to fund the application of sand top dressing on football pitch to assist with drainage and general condition of the pitch. Scheduled for 17 April.
  
11. Rospa report – report for 2022 in relation to play areas, equipment, skate park and gym obtained and under review for work required.
  
12. Skatepark – contractor attended in December for painting and repairs. Further work scheduled for week 3 April.
  
13. Fixed bowling nets – new carpet laid by cricket club. Funded largely by grant. Signage being discussed.