

Report Open Spaces and RG
Parish Council Meeting 10 April 2024

Open Spaces

1. Footpath repairs at Pilgrim Close – Ongoing review of additional areas to be repaired.
2. Review of condition of trees under responsibility of PC – Open Spaces and RG. Xref item 2 RG. Coronation tree planted at HRG.
3. Street lighting repairs – ongoing repair and replacement of street lights with low wattage LED bulbs. Review of available grants to complete all lights under PC to LEDs.
4. Play areas at Pilgrim Close – two unused play areas revived as play/social areas – named Hammond and Ratcliffe Gardens.
5. Additional risk assessments completed.

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. Routine inspection of play areas at rec and Pilgrim Close.

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. Rospa inspection recommendations completed.

3. Trees at Recreation Ground –

Consideration of replacement trees and discussions with UDC regarding supply of trees. Whips and three larger trees supplied. Health check carried out of all trees under responsibility of PC at RG and elsewhere in village. Recommendations received and tree felled at Rec. Replacement trees required.

4. Footpath repairs on path from Meadow Road to play area at Recreation Ground. Path at recreation ground – kept under review.
5. Ditches at Recreation Ground / Flood Defences – annual work completed in October 2013. Land owners with ditches up/downstream contacted also ECC re culverts. The landowner downstream confirms annual work completed with photos. Landowner up stream of view that their ditches do not require attention having been cleared in last 18 months. Flow of draining water monitored in recent rainfall.

PC discussing review of flood defences in light of the possible impact from climate change. Contractor attended site visit and waiting for initial report.

6. Electrical supply and lights at Rec/multisports fitted week 10 July 2013 – Lights at multisports changed for LEDs, replacement electrical distribution box at multisports. Work done in conjunction with work on CCTV (Xref item 9). New distribution box vandalised within days of installation. Consider protective cage. Consider lighting on path from Meadow Road around Multisports.
7. Gym equipment – Annual servicing completed December 2023. Comments from Rospa inspector referred to the supplier of gym equipment and taken into account during servicing. Routine inspection of gym equipment.
8. Drains at Rec car park – PC and Comm Centre hire mini digger to clear out drains. Completed.
9. Scout hut - Licence given to scout group to use the existing building and interim improvements. Long term lease agreed. Signing in progress. Updated plans and planning permission application approved for extension in conjunction with adjacent storage unit. Discussions with scouts regarding build of extension.
10. CCTV – New cameras and recording system fitted week 10 July 2023. Contractor fitted additional camera to view entrance to the Rec/comm centre car park. Discussions regarding lighting on path from Meadow Road around Multisports. Updated CCTV protocol drafted.
11. Grass on Recreation Ground – football pitch and cricket outfield – schedule of work agreed. Fertilizer applied and vertidrainage completed in March 2024.

Grant submitted to UDC for football pitch and outfield maintenance – not successful
12. Skatepark – on-going review of condition of skatepark with routine maintenance, painting and repairs as required. Contractor contacted to attend after Easter.
13. Fixed bowling nets – repair and re-seeding of run-up undertaken.
14. Cricket Club have obtained a grant for artificial cricket strip adjacent to square and scheduling installation with the contractor. Waiting for drier weather to commence.
15. Risk assessments completed.