

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

**Open Spaces**

1. Footpath repairs at Pilgrim Close – On-going 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.
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 to be confirmed with NEPP. NEPP state that order to be issued. NEPP acknowledge existing lines as painted will be retained.
4. Street Lighting repairs – contractor instructed to proceed with repairs to a number of lights out in the village. Replaced lights are with low wattage LED bulbs. 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.
5. Bike racks – discussion with residents regarding positioning of bike racks in village.
6. Play areas at Pilgrim Close – two unused play areas to be revived as play/social areas – named Hammond and Ratcliffe Gardens.
7. 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

## Recreation Ground

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 –  
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. Work done.  
Health check scheduled of all trees under responsibility of PC at RG or elsewhere in village.
3. Footpath repairs on path from Meadow Road to play area at Recreation Ground. Path at recreation ground – kept under review.
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 – work scheduled for 24-26 May - Lights at multisports to be changed for LEDs, replacement electrical terminal box at multisports. To be done in conjunction with work on CCTV (Xref item 9).
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.
9. CCTV – plans revived for replacement cameras and recording system. Work on mast at Multisports to be done in conjunction as both require cherry picker. Discussions on-going with contractors regarding 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 of work including verti-draining, sand top dressing, seeding, fertilizer and weed killer all completed.  
  
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 11 May.
11. Rospa report – report for 2022 in relation to play areas, equipment, skate park and gym obtained and under review for work required.
12. Skate park – contractor attended in April for emergency repairs. Contractor submitted quote for further remedial work, to be reviewed.
13. Fixed bowling nets – new carpet laid by cricket club. Funded largely by grant. Signage in place.