

Appendix 2

Report Open Spaces and RGT Parish Council Meeting 9 February 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 – to be repaired.
3. Review of condition of trees under responsibility of PC – Open Spaces and RGT.

RGT

1. Play areas at Recreation Ground and Pilgrim Close – Contractor scheduled to replace the fencing at Recreation Ground play area with s106 funds. Repair and maintenance work to play equipment to be completed at same time. Work likely to commence end Feb/March. Consideration of adding missing section of equipment and protective matting under some equipment where particularly muddy. Longer term consideration of funding for replacement play equipment at Rec and Pilgrim Close play area.
2. 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. Completed. Consideration of further footpath/pavement repairs at Pilgrim Close.
3. 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. 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. To be followed up with both landowners. Review of ditch at HRG.

4. 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. Check and repair to be scheduled.
5. Drains at Rec car park – clearance of drains – completed. One drain in particular slow to drain. Discussions with comm centre.
6. Scout hut - Licence given to scout group to use the existing building, to replace shutters with new windows and doors and install ramp – completed. Licence extended to include signage. Plans being developed to expand the scout hut to include more storage space, toilets and kitchen. Request to extend licence to include solar panels, replace internal lighting, instal alarm system, clear up at rear of building and planting in way of front of scout hut. Long term lease being drafted. Updated plans and planning permission application pending. On-going discussion between PC/RGT, Comm Centre and scout regarding electricity supply to scout hut.
7. CCTV – discussions revived with community centre and contractor.
8. Yellow Lines on High Street – ECC contacted to revive implementation of agreed changes following site visit last year. Site visit by officers. Implementation likely early 2022 when weather allows for painting.
9. Lighting repairs – Number of lights out in village and contactor contacted. Relaced lights with low wattage LED bulbs. Investigations into lighting circuit on footpath from footbridge at Meadow Road to Recreation Ground play area.
10. Grass on Recreation Ground – football pitch and cricket outfield – End of football pitch at Comm Centre end has had additional seeding application and roped off. Cutting regime in conjunction with cricket club agreed. Football pitch to be used by youth team from January.
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 to be done at same time as fencing (item 1.).
12. Skatepark – small repair required –contractor will check and do work when weather allows.