

Report Open Spaces and RGT

Parish Council Meeting 12 December 2022

Open Spaces

1. Footpath repairs at Pilgrim Close – part completed. Consideration of additional areas to be repaired. Discussed with contractor when RG ditches were cleared in November 2022 - Quote requested.
2. Review of condition of trees under responsibility of PC – Open Spaces and RGT. Xref item 2 RGT.
3. Yellow Lines on High Street – painted in/blacked out as recommended and agreed with NEPP following consultation and discussion with residents; all on trial basis for six months (expires January 2023) then to be reviewed.
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 – contractor completed repairs to a number of lights out in village. Replaced lights are with low wattage LED bulbs. Street lights on High Street require repair and responsibility of ECC. ECC contacted.
6. Bike racks – discussion with residents regarding positioning of bike racks in village.
7. Purchase of land on Hyll Close by residents of Jacksons Lane – discussion with residents and UDC regarding purchase of land on Hyll Close and erecting fencing.
8. Play area at Pilgrim Close – see RGT
9. 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. These potholes still an issue as require road closure. One big pothole in particular to be added to priority target list. Potholes on bend on London Road opposite junction to Ickleton repaired.

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 – three lost following storm Eunice. Trees cleared within 10 days by either contractor or Aubrey. Consideration of replacement trees and discussions with UDC as to supply of trees.

Resident has raised some trees requiring cutting back at HRG. Consideration within budget review.
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. Discussed with contractor when RG ditches cleared.
4. Ditches at Recreation Ground / Flood Defences – annual work completed in November. Land owners with ditches up/downstream to be contacted also ECC re culverts.
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) – quotes requested.
6. Gym equipment –Annual servicing scheduled for week beginning 5 December.
7. Drains at Rec car park – clearance of drains scheduled for week beginning 5 December.
8. Scout hut - Licence given to scout group to use the existing building and interim improvements. Long term lease being discussed and drafted. Updated plans and planning permission application approved. 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 – 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. Discussion with contractor regarding schedule of work required for football pitch and cricket outfield.
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 – scheduling contractor to attend for painting and repairs – weather dependent.
13. Fixed bowling nets – new carpet laid by cricket club. Funded largely by grant. Signage being discussed.
14. Electrical distribution junction box at multisports – quotes being obtained for refurb / replacement.