



WEST HOATHLY PARISH COUNCIL

representing Highbrook, Selsfield, Sharpthorne, Tyes Cross and West Hoathly

Asset and Highways Committee Clerks Report July 2023

Actions taken and other points of information since last meeting.

- The faulty PIR light in the public toilets has been repaired.
- An appointment has been made to install a smart meter at the Pavilion.
- The playground inspections flagged that the swing seat at NLR needed replacing and the trim trail needs a new post and support. The swing seat has been replaced and the work is scheduled in for the trim trail repair.

Information relating to items on the agenda

Item 6- Allotments

The meeting notes have been circulated to councillors.

An allotment holder raised concerns that the brambles on Finche Field are encroaching on their allotment plot at the lower allotments. It was agreed to discuss the issue at this meeting.

It was noted that the gate at the lower allotments is tricky to open. The handyman has looked and reported back that the adjustment has been taken fully up so the gate position cannot be altered. The only option would be to lift the support post out of the concrete setting and reinstall.

Allotment site map

The allotment site map has been circulated to councillors. The committee now need to consider next steps.

Item 7 – Bonfires at the allotment sites.

At the allotment holders meeting plot holders voiced their concerns over not being consulted on the decision to prohibit bonfires. It was agreed to vote on a proposal to request that the Asset & Highways Committee reconsider the decision, as follows:

- Bonfires to be allowable on individual allotment plots.
- No communal bonfires
- Only waste from the allotment site to be burnt on the bonfire.

The majority of the allotment holders present voted in favour of this proposal.

Item 8 – Finche Field

Planters

The planters at Vinols Cross need repair or replacement. The handyman has measured up and will make some repairs, however the committee need to consider

the future of the planters and whether they need replacing. The committee may like to consider alternative options.

Gate to lower allotments

Parking in and around the community orchard remains an issue when the car park becomes full. The Council agreed to establish costs to install a metal gate at the entrance to the lower allotments. Cllr Will Buckley is working on getting a quote for this work.

Item 9 – Cllr Darvill to provide update

Item 10- Public Conveniences

Cllr Brown has obtained a quote for the repair of the Wallgate machines at the public conveniences. The committee need to agree whether to proceed with the repair and consider how long this will extend the life of the machines.

Item 11- Sharpthorne New Playground

Consultation feedback has been circulated via email.

Fly tipping

At the last meeting it was agreed that committee members would look at the fly tipping issue on the footpath from Sharpthorne New Playground down to Station Road. Pictures have been emailed to councillors.

Kickabout area

The consultation feedback was in favour of the proposal to consider creating a hard all-weather surface kickabout area.

The committee need to consider whether this project is feasible.

Cllr Brown has obtained costs for a maintenance proposal if agreed to keep the area as grass. Any work would need to be budgeted for next year and 3 quotes would need to be obtained. MSDC would also need to be consulted on any improvements or changes.

Item 12- email circulated to councillors

Item 13 – Cllr Darvill to provide update

Item 14 – SID

The Risk Assessment and WSCC agreed locations have been circulated to councillors. Installation needs to be agreed – volunteers needed.