



WEST HOATHLY PARISH COUNCIL

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

Asset and Highways Committee Clerks Report September 2023

Actions taken and other points of information since last meeting.

- The play bark has been replaced at both North Lane Rec and Sharpthorne Old Playground
- The smart meter has been installed at the Pavilion.
- Repairs have been made to the trim trail at NLR. The playground inspections also flagged that the slide supports need replacing, this work is scheduled for completion.
- The salt bin audit has been completed and the data has been passed to WSCC. Where necessary, the bins will be topped up before winter. More hippo bags have also been ordered for storage at Hook Farm.
- The 5 year electrical inspections at he Pavilion and public conveniences are due in December.
- A reminder that the work to reinstate the rocks at the junction of North Lane/ The Hollow still needs to be completed.
- The school crossing patrol lights in the Hollow and at Bulldogs Bank have not been working since the start of term. Both have been reported as faulty to WSCC.
- The annual mow of Finche Field was completed in August.
- Repairs have been made to the planters at Finche Field
- Derek Shurvell has kindly cut back the tree that was overhanging the noticeboard at Vinols Cross.

Information relating to items on the agenda

Item 6- Allotments

Allotment invoices will be issues to plot holders before the end of the month. All plot holders have been notified that bonfires are allowable on individual plots with the following conditions: -

- No communal bonfires
- Only waste from the allotment site to be burnt on the bonfire
- No unattended bonfires
- Bonfires must be extinguished before leaving the site

Item 7a- Planters at Finche Field

Cllr Darvill to provide an update on proposal for community involvement.

Item 7b- Gate to lower allotments

Next steps to be agreed

Item 9 – Sharpthorne New Playground

The Clerk has met with a contractor to discuss options for play equipment to replace the slide at Sharpthorne New Playground, quotation should be available for the next meeting.

Item 9a- Self Closing Gate

The Clerk has begun the process of seeking permission to install a self-closing gate, WSCC have advised that as we are not the landowners we cannot apply. Clerk is pursuing with MSDC to request that they apply for the permission.

Item 11- circulated via email

Item 13- circulated via email .

Correspondence

A resident has written to the chairman requesting information on when the hedge will be cut in the Hollow (the hedge that edges Shagswell Meadow) The Clerk has chased this with Gravetye, they are awaiting a response from their land agent to be sure that they own it before cutting.