

**Open Spaces Committee**  
**Supporting Documents 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022**

**Agenda Item 6.2 – Resident request**

*I have lived in Four Marks for over 6 years now and there is one thing that has always bothered me.*

*In the whole of the recreation ground area there are three greenspaces: two large ones, the football pitch and the cricket pitch areas and the small grassy area by the allotments and yet, if you don't count the kids play area and pavilion, there are only two benches in this whole greenspace! And both of them look quite old. One west facing by the tennis courts and the other south facing one by the allotments. That's it! So on a nice day (especially during social distancing times) if one person was sat on one bench and one on the other then there is nowhere else for people to sit and enjoy the greenspace. There aren't even any picnic tables for families to sit down at.*

*There are picnic tables and benches in the kids play area, but as a single man with no kids, I don't think it's appropriate for me to go and sit in there by myself, and I'm not the only person in Four Marks without kids.*

*Are there any plans to put some more benches or even picnic tables at the rec? Anything planned to celebrate the Queen's jubilee, or at any point the future? I think people would quite like to sit and enjoy one of the few public greenspaces we have in Four Marks, especially around the cricket pitch area. It would be lovely to have benches all around there, rather than just the 2 which are in one corner by the allotments and tennis courts.*

*I would be interested to hear if there are any plans.*

*Thanks in anticipation.*

**Agenda item 6.5 Request for bird/bat boxes**

Useful references for bird and bat boxes;

[National Nest Box Week | BTO - British Trust for Ornithology](#)

[Bat Boxes - Buildings, planning and development - Bat Conservation Trust \(bats.org.uk\)](#)

**Agenda Item 6.7**

*We are pleased to announce that Hampshire and the Isle of Wight's longstanding and successful Village of the Year competition will run this year, launching from Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022.*

*Entries are warmly invited from any parish council, community group or group of individuals representing their community to take on the current holders of Village of the Year, Bishops Waltham, where the 2022 prize giving will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022.*

*Entries are free and can be submitted **until 15th July 2022**. They can be submitted by any village organisation but all entries must have a completed entry form (attached) along with a narrative with appropriate photographs and contact details, and need to be submitted to*

[comms@hampshirealc.org.uk](mailto:comms@hampshirealc.org.uk) by the closing date to be considered as a Finalist. Finalists are then visited for two hours by the Judges during August, before final marking.

As well as judging for the overall Village of the Year, Best Small Village and Inspirational Individual, the following categories may be considered in the marking schedule:

- a. Best Parish Council Community Engagement Project
- b. Best Open Spaces and Recreational Project
- c. The Pub as a Community Hub or other economic related project
- d. Best Village Feature

Should you have any questions then please contact us at [comms@hampshirealc.org.uk](mailto:comms@hampshirealc.org.uk)

We look forward to receiving the entries.

Further information;

[News | HALC \(hampshirealc.org.uk\)](http://www.hampshirealc.org.uk/news)

### **Agenda Item 7.1**

<b>Description</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Amount GBP</b>
Construct Drop Kerb for Disable access to graves Dig out and remove existing kerb line area and footpath Replace with left and right hand raker kerbs and 2 drop kerbs Reinststate footpath area with Tarmac. Construction carried out to Hampshire highways specification. Remove all surplus from site	20%	1,400.00
	Subtotal	1,400.00
	TOTAL VAT 20%	280.00
	<b>TOTAL GBP</b>	<b>1,680.00</b>

### **Agenda Item 7.2**

#### Contractor One

Following various email and exchanges with the contractor regarding the areas and technicalities such as using Parish Online, this quote has come through in email;  
Thank you for your prompt.

*On the basis that you can provide site plans as PDFs and we will use those to plot tree locations with reasonable accuracy, the fee for a safety inspection of all trees, on your marked plans, tagging those which require works to be done to make them safe, and preparation of a report and plan, would be £1950 + VAT.*

## Contractor Two

ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	VAT	AMOUNT
<b>Tree cutting</b> Carry out visual tree assesment (VTA) of all trees owned by the Parish Council as indicated on previous report and provide written report of the findings.	1	1,750.00	20.0% S	1,750.00
SUBTOTAL				1,750.00
VAT TOTAL				350.00
TOTAL				<b>£2,100.00</b>

## Agenda Item 8.1 – Area Update

Location	Action required	Status	Notes
<b>A31 Winchester Road</b>	Ash tree cluster.	<b>Agenda Item</b>	Removal completed – feedback on planting options.
	Bus Stop	In progress	AEO organizing clean and replacement panel.
<b>Badger Close</b>	-Boundary issue – private garden	In progress	EO awaiting update.
<b>Cemetery</b>	Full cemetery inspection Dropped curb request	Pending <b>Agenda Item</b>	Planned Summer 2022
<b>Recreation Ground</b>	- Tennis court flood light maintenance.	Pending	Awaiting date for works.
	- Cricket pitch; Sale of cricket items.	Pending	Future discussion. JD to do inventory of container.
	-Mark out of junior pitch	Pending	To discuss with football club.
	- Public Spaces Protection Order;	Approved	To investigate with EHDC – AEO to contact DC Thomas
	-Signage update	Pending	Signs in progress of being designed and ordered.
	-Playground -Various pieces of equipment require attention.	Pending	Awaiting date for see-saw and outcome of RoSPA inspection (completed 24/5/22)
-Playground fencing	On hold		
-Skate Park- Graffiti/vandalism	<b>Agenda item</b>	Ramp painting completed. To discuss surveillance.	
-Footway along football pitch	On Hold		
<b>Swelling Hill Pond</b>	Shoring works	<b>Agenda item</b>	Awaiting meeting with Angling Club.
	Land Registry boundary issue - boundary registration, now submitted	In progress	TR1 has been completed and awaiting update.
	- boundary fencing, seek further quotes ready for confirmation from Land Registry	In progress	To Action when above is confirmed.

<b>Climate Change</b>	- Greening project -Wind turbine	Pending <b>Agenda item</b>	Agreed launch for 14 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>Open Spaces – General</b>	<b>PARISH TREES GRASS CUTTING &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>  <b>VILLAGE SIGNAGE</b> Phase two gateway signage  <b>LYMINGTON BOTTOM ROAD</b> Decision to be made whether to approach Highways further following completion of works.  <b>FOOTPATHS</b>	<b>Agenda item</b>  In Progress  In progress	Tree inspection report quotes for discussion  Concept accepted, awaiting production and installation.  Nothing to report.

### **Agenda item 9.3**

The NALC webinar on ‘Fighting Climate Change’ was informative and really focused on the meaningful impact that Parish and Town Councils can have despite them often feeling powerless to make significant change with only 30% of local Parish Councils having declared a climate emergency.

The session will be available to view as it was recorded and will be circulated should Councillors wish to view. There were several engaging speakers including one from Friends of the Earth and Kendal Town Council. Various initiatives were discussed including making information on insulation and solar panels available by engaging residents who have invested in these initiatives to share their experiences with others, trying to encourage a modal shift by car sharing, using public transport and walking/bike riding and also introducing a community share project. Salisbury Town Council were used as a successful example of this where residents are able to share items ranging from power tools to books.

A wide range of resources were discussed that could influence the types of projects that the Council undertakes and these will be available via links on the pack that is due to come out. Two that I found of particular interest were a new Parish Online layer which includes information on the energy efficiency of homes in Four Marks and also a tool to calculate the carbon footprint of the area (which I have attached here). This allows a comparison between Four Marks, East Hampshire and the national profile.

[Impact Report - Four Marks \(impact-tool.org.uk\)](http://impact-tool.org.uk)

It is suggested that the Committee reviews the Climate and Nature Emergency Action Plan at the next meeting or that a separate group is formed to look at environmental issues and potentially oversee the Greening Campaign which could feature some of the ideas from the webinar.