

## Open Spaces Committee meeting

5<sup>th</sup> June 2024

### Supporting Documents

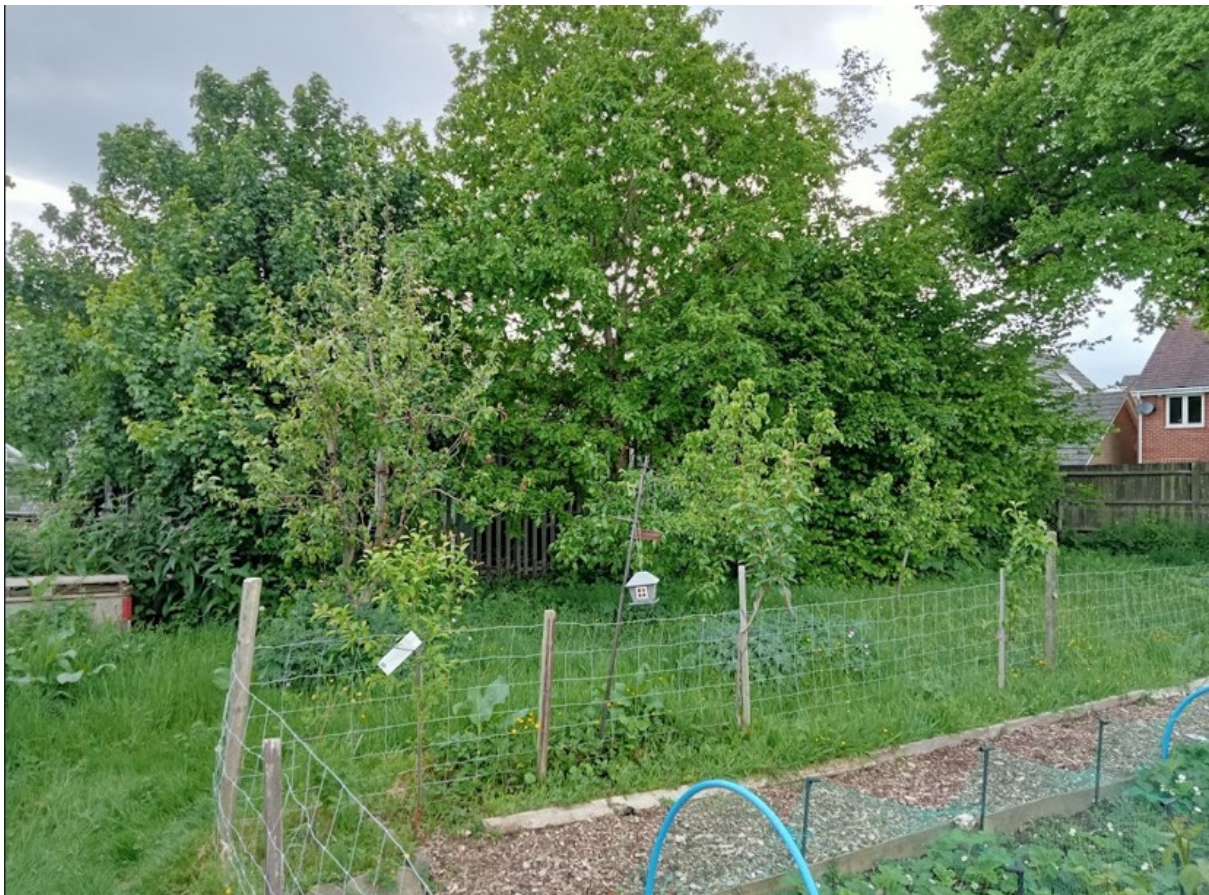
#### 7.1 – Water refill point

Awaiting revised costs.

#### 7.2-Allotment pruning works

Works to the Orchard – for permission

The allotment association propose to carry out tree works to the orchard area on the advise of a pruning expert that attended their AGM. They would like to coppice the hazel tree and remove all others. The Oak tree has been checked and there is no TPO in place.



They would also like to undertake some works to the overhanging Cherry tree which is on the cricket pitch but are still awaiting the quote. The reason for this is to allow more light into the allotment.

A Sketch plan has been submitted to EHDC and there will be an update at the meeting as to whether there are any restrictions.

### Agenda item 8.1

Resident email:

Hello

I'd like to report that my son fell off the balance beam in the park on 10th May 2024. He broke his arm and needed two hours of surgery on 11 May 2024.

I am not sure that the balance beam is safe. Most of the balance beams in other parks are made of wood and I think this would be safer.

Please advise what action you can take to make the park safe for children.

Kind regards  
XXXX

Response from Clerk send 20/05/2024:

Thank you for your email.

The Council has an inspection annually by an external company (<https://www.rospa.com/policy/play-safety/advice>) to ensure that the play area is assessed for current and future hazards and is compliant with all safety laws (EN1176). A full inspection equipment is undertaken, and each piece scored. The Council then takes any necessary action required. This balance beam has not been flagged as something that is non-compliant or a hazard but this year, one of our Councillors (in copy) is going to accompany the inspector and so we will make sure that they are consulted about this particular piece. I will also make the Open Spaces Committee aware of the incident.

I wish your son a speedy recovery.

### Agenda item 8.2

I used to work for Eastleigh Borough Council, and I remember we had a similar issue to this so in order to better enforce the rules we came up with the idea of town rangers and later implemented this to patrol the area of concern from local residents which was also of interest to us being that area.

Perhaps the idea of having village or ground rangers working for the parish or district council and then implementing this later in this area of interest might help better enforce your rules for the recreation ground, this could be something for you to mention to the committee at your next meeting with EHDC.

### Agenda item 9.1 – Area update.

- Interim tree inspection in process of being booked – awaiting quotations.
- Netball team have decided not to proceed due to £500 annual cost (to cover the respraying)

- Management company have been contacted about overhanging branch at pathway on Jubilee Green.
- Badger consultant has been contacted regarding information on badger runs – awaiting advice.
- Lengthsman visited on 21/05/2024, pressure washed benches at Swelling Hill Pond and cleared Dogwood from footpath sign at Lymington Bottom Green.

Location	Action Required	Status	Notes
<b>Badger Close</b>	Boundary Encroachment	In progress	Clerk to research further.
	Badger Orchard	In progress	31/05/2024
	Pine Road Area		Cllr Gebbett
	Badger Run upkeep	In progress	Clerk to meet with BPA to discuss badger run responsibilities.
<b>Cemetery</b>	Replacement gate stops.	Completed.	
	Cemetery inspection		Planned in for Summer 2024
<b>Lymington Bottom Green</b>	Wildflower area and sign	In progress	Installed 22/05/2025
	Village sign remedial works.	On Hold.	
	New bench – FM Care.		Awaiting site meeting date.
<b>Oak parade Green</b>	Flower bed maintenance	Ongoing	New contractor.
	Book share.	Completed	Awaiting signage.
	Repainting of car parking spaces.	To do.	To review spacing and repainting – future meeting.
<b>Recreation Ground</b>	Cricket equipment	Pending	Clerk to organise.
	Containers	Pending	Grass mats to be installed
	Skate Park	In progress	Area to be repainted.
	Tennis courts	In progress	Resurfacing completed. To investigate coin update and fence.
	Football pitch/club	Ongoing	Ongoing Liaison with Club regarding use.
	Footway along football pitch	In progress	Awaiting quotations.
	Water refill point	<b>Agenda item</b>	Service completed March 2024. – contract expires October 2024; notice must be given July 2024 if contract is to be terminated.

<b>Climate change mitigation</b>	Solar Panels at Benians Pavilion	Pending	Awaiting information from Benians Committee Chairman following site visit
	Nature boxes	Pending	Placed – awaiting EHDC promotional video.
	Parish Trees	Completed	Awaiting quotation for interim inspection.
	Bus stop maintenance	In progress	
<b>Swelling Pond Hill</b>	Silt removal project	In progress	Further works now completed.
	South of pond/car park area.	In progress	Adverse possession claims in progress
	Fencing replacement and small pond fencing.	Completed	
	Car park remedial works.	In progress	Contractor accepted.
	Tree works – overhanging pond.	To do.	
<b>Kingswood Copse</b>	Ongoing maintenance for nature and wildlife.	In progress	Plan decided at meeting – Clerk to follow up.