

Open Spaces Committee meeting

11th September 2024

Supporting Documents

Agenda item 5.1

Dear parish councillors could I please request extra bins be placed around the village green (at least two more) We try as parishioners to keep the area tidy and litter pick often. Please could they be dual purpose for dog poo aswell. The one bin is always overflowing by bin day. The green looks lovely but it does need extra bins as it is used more frequently.

There has also been a separate request for an additional bin at the end of FP 2, Blackberry Lane but the resident has been informed that this is not Council owned land.

Additional bin cost varies depending on type of bin, extra weekly lift is £8.95 per unit. For examples of bins, please visit [Outdoor Litter Bins & External Waste Bins - Glasdon UK](#) or could possibly use the one in the container, factoring in installation costs.

Agenda Item 5.2

For the attention of the Parish Councillors

As Secretary of Four Marks Bowls Club, the committee would like me to inform the Parish Council that we have recently had a problem with teenage intruders getting into the bowls area.

They were seen and approached by a relative of one of our members whilst she was walking her dog around 19.00 hrs.

They climbed the gates and tried the doors of the club house and sheds. They then proceeded to climb onto the shed's roof.

As the Parish Council owns the fencing and ground of the club, we thought they should be aware that their property is being abused. We are also very concerned that if intruders manage to get into the club house or the sheds (which house very expensive machinery) this could prove detrimental to the club's survival!

We would be very grateful if the Council could perhaps provide something to deter these intruders or advice on how we could protect our club from vandalism.

We very much look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter.

Clerk has notified the PCSO who has agreed to contact the Bowls club to discuss the matter further.

Agenda Item 5.3

Following consultation with users, general consensus is that groups are happy with their current location, but one suggestion was to keep them in the same direction/width apart but move them further down the pitch nearer to the Scout Hut. There was also an idea to remove one of the posts all together and keep the one nearest to the access road. The Scouts noted that they have recently installed CCTV in the area.

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See separate PDF – the coach has been asked for a better indication of days/times. Also to note that the LTA have suggested a fifty percent reduction for coaching (£4 per hour).

Agenda item 6.1

Councillors will note from the report that the Ash removal on Uplands Lane took place on the 12th August 2024 and this was successful with minimal disruption. The contractor has also been asked to do some minor tasks around the Recreation Ground, removal of stakes and ties, some low level branch removal and cutting back on Uplands Lane.

On Wednesday 4th September 2024, a meeting was held with EHDC regarding the Pine Road area and in conjunction with their new Community Asset Transfer Policy (which Councillors were consulted on), some Councils are being included in a pilot scheme to test the new policy and ensure that the processes behind it are refined, including the legal mechanisms. There was a suggestion that Four Marks could be included in this trial, and this will need to be considered by the Full Council.

There was a positive response to the Council potentially adding the green space at Pine Road to its Open Space portfolio and EHDC is keen to transfer assets, but they are looking to transfer packages of land/assets together. The implication was that there may be areas that a Council would like to take on, but that in conjunction with this, there are areas that EHDC would like to dispose of and that they would have to go hand in hand to meet objectives of both parties.

Initially, the Council will need to decide if there is an appetite to take this further, after reviewing a list from EHDC of assets that are available within the village. The issue of investment and ongoing maintenance was raised and there was an indication that some level of funding could be part of any deal.

Area update.

Location	Action Required	Status	Notes
Badger Close	Boundary Encroachment	In progress	Clerk to research further. To walk the badger run when brambles clear.
	Badger Orchard fencing	In progress	To discuss volunteers.
	Pine Road Area	In progress.	Verbal update to be given at meeting.
	Badger Run upkeep 20/22, 31/33	In progress	25 th September 2024
Cemetery	Cemetery inspection		Completed 29/7/2024 – Assistant Clerk to deal with outstanding issues.

Lymington Bottom Green	New bench – FM care New bin request Wildflower areas	In progress Agenda item	To be installed in Autumn Have been cut back.
Oak parade Green	Flower bed maintenance Book share. Repainting of car parking spaces. Clock service	Ongoing Completed To do. In progress	New contractor. Awaiting signage. To review spacing and repainting – future meeting. Service to be booked – works to access completed.AC
Recreation Ground	Container contents Skate Park Tennis courts Playground maintenance	Agenda item In progress Agenda item In progress	Committee to decide re contents Area to be repainted. – awaiting quotes. Gate technology and proposal from tennis coach Booked.
	Football pitch/club Footway along football pitch	Ongoing In progress	Ongoing Liaison with Club regarding use. Awaiting quotations/funding options.
	Water refill point	In progress	Awaiting further information about agreement and potential discount. Have contacted multiple times.
Climate change mitigation	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	In progress	Interim tree inspection completed 12 th July 2024.
	Bus stop maintenance	In progress	Panels for Gospell Hall booked. Delay but company have communicated. Autumn bus shelter clean to be booked.
Swelling Pond Hill	Silt removal project	Completed.	To receive report on future maintenance.

	South of pond/car park area.	In progress	Adverse possession claims in progress
	Steps	Agenda item	To discuss.
Kingswood Copse	Ongoing maintenance for nature and wildlife.	In progress	Plan decided – resident executing.

Agenda item 6.4 – To review cricket container contents.

Councillors have been sent photographs of container contents:

Cricket scoreboard-wooden box of score numbers

Large and small line markers

Grey metal bin

Old style lawn mower x 2

Garden fork

Tall wooden post

Roll of metal fencing

Large yellow lawn roller

16 x cylindrical wooden posts

Tub of mortar

Silver slide

3 x U shaped metal bars

2 x concrete bench stands

Scarifier, 2 buckets and a roller

Silver bin.

Agenda Item 7.1

To receive update from Clerk following meeting with FOFM on 5th September 2024.

Agenda Item 7.2

- Remembrance
- Christmas Carol event.