

Open Spaces Committee meeting 01/10/2025

Supporting Documentation

Agenda item 5.1



Email from local garden center:

Thank you for your enquiry. We have some in 10ltr pots @ £57.50 and larger 50ltr @ £165. Prices are ex Nursery and include VAT.

The District Councillor was asked for a grant, he has asked how many residents requested it and also who would plant it. He also questioned how we could prevent the vandalism from happening again.

Hampshire Woodland's was asked for a grant and didn't reply.

Agenda item 5.2

LED lights were installed on the tennis courts in March; however, the Tennis Club have reported that they are not bright enough to be effective in the darker evenings. The electrician has provided a PDF within the provided documentation to show light distribution etc.

Quotation for brighter lights below:

Labour - (1hr per light)	£1,350.00
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Scissor lift hire and delivery (based on access via courts)	£370.50
300W LED Flood Sports Area Light / Exterior Car Park Flood Lighting - Philips Luxeon Lumileds® LEDs Flicker Free	£4,534.20
Twin / Double Flood Light Bracket for Lamp Post/Lighting Column - T-Bar for 76mm Lighting Pole	£528.12
Misc. Materials per fitting (Fixings, connectors etc.)	£108.00
Total Excluding VAT:	£6,890.82

Agenda item 5.4

- Email from current food truck:

They have entered the National Burger Awards 2026 and have amended the menu to comply with the requirements.

Dexter has also started a catering course at Eastleigh College which will give him some formal training.

They are doing better in Four Marks than at the Butts in Alton.

We have printed some small menus for James to have in the bar to entice people to go to the truck.

I am hoping that it has increased visitors to the bar.

- Email from The London Hog Roast Company Ltd:

I have recently completed a vintage food truck, a project that took over four years to finish. With nearly 20 years of experience in the trade, I possess all necessary health and safety credentials. My food truck is self-sufficient in terms of electricity and operates on LPG gas, complete with the appropriate certifications.

I frequently attend events at FFF Brewery, so should you require references, I would be happy to provide their contact information for verification. I am currently residing in Bordon (GU35), which places me in close proximity to the location.



Agenda item 6.1

Priority Two Trees

	Contractor One	Contractor Two	Contractor Three
Recreation ground	T0432 Hawthorn - Fell to ground level. All arisings to be removed from site. £360 T0433 Oak - Reduce limb at height of 6m by 4m, Reduce height of stem by 3m to reduce weight. All arisings to be removed from site. Access to neighbouring property required. £540. Tree Pruning T0434 Oak - Crown lift branches overhanging garden to give 5m clearance. Remove large dead branch hanging at 2m. All arisings to be removed from site. Access to neighbouring	T0432 Hawthorn - £350+VAT • T0433 – Oak tree with TPO • To reduce the damaged stem by 4m from the radial aspect – i.e reduce the overhang by 4 metres • To reduce the height of the damaged stem only by 3 metres to reduce weight and sail effect on the stem • We will need to use the garden of 2 Lily Road to control the branches down on a rope and remove them via the garden • We will leave the garden neat and tidy and remove all arisings from site Note – this is a different specification to the previous quote for	P2 works total £1950+vat

	property required. £360 Tree Removal T0436 Ash - Fell to ground level. All arisings to be removed from site. £360	this tree, having understood the survey a bit better, and having seen the damage on the stem from 2 Lily Road, we now understand the required work. The damage was not visible in it's full extent from the recreation ground side of the tree, though since having visited 2 Lily road it is clear what work is to be done. Total Price for All Above Works: £1150+VAT • T0434 Large Oak - £450+VAT • T0436 - Ash - £260+VAT • Optional extra - Grind out stump of Ash T0436 to prevent it being a trip hazard - £160+VAT	
Swelling Hill	T0441 Hazel - Coppice to ground level. All arisings to be chipped and or left in deadwood habitat piles adjacent to base of tree off footpath £720 T0442 Ash - Remove dead branch. All arisings to be chipped and or left in deadwood habitat piles adjacent to base of tree off footpath. £120 T0443 Ash - Fell to ground level. All arisings to be chipped and or left in deadwood habitat piles adjacent to base of tree off footpath. £120	• T0441 - Hazel coppice - £200+VAT • T0443 - Ash fell - £200+VAT • T0444 - Oak deadwood - £250+VAT • T0012 - Oak deadwood - £200+VAT	P2 works £1450+vat

	T0444 Oak - Remove major deadwood over footpath up to 6m. All arisings to be chipped and or left in deadwood habitat piles adjacent to base of tree off footpath. £360 T0012 Oak - Remove major deadwood over footpath up to 5m. All arisings to be chipped and or left in deadwood habitat piles adjacent to base of tree off footpath. £240		
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Agenda item 6.2

The tree surgeons had previously quoted before seeing the tree from the view of the resident. This changed the original price therefore more quotations have been sought (contractors ordered as above). Planning permission has now been granted.

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Agenda item 6.3

Email from St. Michael's Hospice:

The time has come for us at St. Michael's Hospice to begin planning our Light Up a Life event, something you helped play a huge part in last year. We are hoping to continue to have LUAL trees out in the community, and as you participated last year, I am reaching out once again to see if you would be interested in supporting us once again.

To jog your memory, the idea behind our plan is, that people can select to "dedicate a light" to their loved one on a tree in their local area, not just the one in the hospice grounds. This will hopefully mean that more people can honour their loved ones in a different way to what we have done before, as well as helping us to raise even money for those that need our support at the end of their life, and their families.

Agenda item 6.4

A local resident suggested the installation of a net to divide the courts whilst both are in use. We have received a quotation of £800 + VAT to supply and install.

Agenda item 7.1

Email from resident:

(Please see photos for reference)

Since I took these photos (two months ago) somebody has correctly (!!) moved the gate latch so it now works. Good. Now the rest of the gate needs mending.

The decision not to put paving down round three dog bins is a bit short-sighted - Please re-visit this decision ASAP?

While I was sorting brambles round the football field dog-bin (25 July 2025), several people commented / complained about the gate and the tiny space left for entry / exit to the field. Everything was surrounded by industrial strength bramble / nettles. Given the many complaints, it seemed sensible to fix this as part of the day.

The entrance area by the football field gate has been 'remodelled' as shown in photos. This entrance area has not been maintained for a very long time. The path through (see images) was very narrow, and for those with summer-time bare arms / legs, perilous!

Maybe consider more bark for the winter in the worn-away centre section. See images. The recently departed caravan dwellers left, as well as the usual fly-tipped mess, a lorry load of wood-chip at the Barn Lane field edge? Might it be worth using this for the path if somebody has a trailer for transport? Free!! Could also use at rear of allotments path? It might be a bit too fine texture, and is it worth the hassle.....

People in wheelchairs / buggies use the park. A lad from Treloars was there in July with carers - presumably for a dose of Green-Space therapy. If the gate has spring return, now re-fitted, it will make life difficult in some situations. Not quite sure why you need a gate. What purpose does it serve? To keep free-running dogs inside the field and prevent their exit to the dangerous estate? Beech Grove is hardly the M25. The rest of the field is open-access. Perhaps the gate does serve as a useful psychological barrier?

The gate would not latch. [...] Now fixed, by one of your Council chaps?

Everything should be obvious from images enclosed:

Second Issue: *The very poor way the U shaped piece is fitted - it needs special washers.*

Third Issue: *Somebody has attempted to strengthen the gate structure itself using numerous small bolts. Not very effective. Needs re-doing using correct washers.*

Fourth Issue: *The return spring is inoperative / a fixing plate or washer is missing. Gate is rather heavy for a small return spring to work. You would need a truly heavy duty one..... or two Somebody has attempted to mend this - it will work for a time, but may prove inconvenient for disabled access.*

If the PC wish to bring this gate back into full operation, some repairs are still needed. Cost for all the bits will be in region of £20. Decision on repair please. If mended properly the gate should last, and work, for several years.

Footpath update as at 22 Sept 2025

Last cut of the year done 22 Sept:

Both footpaths from A31 towards Blackberry Lane fully strimmed. Hedges do not need any more attention.

One footpath starts opposite Co-op store and heads South East 091/5/2 >> 091/5/1

The other starts near Boyneswood Rd and heads South East 091/2/2 >> 091/2/1

Also: Footpath from Blackberry Lane towards Alton Lane strimmed of deep nettles as far as the field / grassed area. This path was I think done once by Lengthsman but very early in season? 091/6/1

Outstanding Issues:

A 'Footpath' notice or circular disc is required at Blackberry entrance to top footpath 091/2/1. Simple HCC job already requested by you? Nothing has been done. Obtain the disc and fittings and I can easily fix it.

There is an overgrown and neglected footpath running parallel to Telegraph Lane behind nos 34 - 40. This was partially cleared by me early in the season. ONE HELL OF A JOB. Dog-leg section of 091/3/1. You wrote to HCC / EHDC to ask them to do a proper job with heavy kit etc. It will need chainsaws and a skip. The path remains blocked. Absolutely nothing has been done.

Technically, Council(s) should enforce a duty upon the adjacent houses / landowners to trim back their overhanging vegetation. That will never happen. Walkers who wish to use this stretch of path are instead using the private drive of Noah's Ark. Map previously supplied to explain this.

If village footpaths are to be brought up to a reasonable standard, co-operation and help from adjacent residents will be necessary. This needs to be requested by PC. A suggested text was sent to you about a month ago. I have had no response to date.....

Dog Bin areas in Rec. Strimmed where necessary today. These areas really need the 'paving slab' idea revisiting and agreeing. Had these areas been thought about properly at inception, a concrete, tarmac or similar base would no doubt have been supplied at the time.

You might have noticed the gate area on Football field (Beech Grove) now works properly as an entrance. It has been heavily cut and strimmed back. That was done on 25 July 2025.

Please can your contractors now keep this area clear on a regular basis? I have re-strimmed it again today.

Somebody (from Council?) has correctly repositioned the gate latch (good !!) but more needs to be done to gate. See separate email with pictures taken on 25 July 2025

The gate area onto Beech Grove / Football field still seems to be collecting litter. Is a separate large square type litter bin possible? Replace the (usually disgusting and overflowing) small dog-bin?

Agenda item 8.4

Email from resident:

You may recall in late 2024 some tiny plants (twigs!) were planted courtesy of Woodland Trust. I made an 'entrance tunnel' to the area to enable easy access for the PC gardener.

The twigs were exceptionally small - any that survived the severe frosts two days after being planted (!!) will take 10+ years to become useful and we do not have that long.....

There was a promise of some much larger plants - they would be obtained by PC and planted along the fence line over winter 2024. Did this ever happen? I suspect not.

Both in the Copse and more especially down the verge from Bishops View to 172 Win. Road, there are several 'self-seeded' Hawthorn bushes which are growing nicely. They will eventually be a nuisance in their present position because of traffic sight lines, but if transplanted to the top of the bank by the fence, they would be ideal as fill-in.

Come the winter, perhaps the PC gardener would be able to dig 10-20 or so holes along the fence line, save the soil, then dig up and transplant these Hawthorns? Then make good the original Hawthorn positions. I am sure I could find 15-20 specimens, if you could guarantee to spare the gardener for a day or two. Please confirm.

Access would probably be better direct from the A31 for this - the bushes could usefully go on the A31 side.

I will continue to identify and note location of Hawthorn bushes, tidy around them, then on an agreed date in deepest wet winter we can make use of them? This must be done this winter as they will be a bit too big by 2026.

Websites say Hawthorn is very difficult to cultivate from cuttings, so these vigorous wild self-seeded ones seem perfect. And FREE! Present sizes range from about 250mm up to about 800 mm height.

Sample pics enclosed - a bit difficult to see against the background.....

20+ of these, if successful, would be a really good start..... In the meantime if even larger specimens can be ordered from your end for delivery and gardener planting at the appropriate time (Winter 2025?) that would be good too.

I have emphasised before that the Copse is very delicate, and should be seen by the PC as a five year project, minimum.