

## Open Spaces Committee meeting

6<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Supporting documents.

#### Agenda Item 5.1

See separate report. £680 of District Councillor funding has been allocated for this project. The shortfall of any works would need to be met by the Council.

#### Agenda Item 6.1

Following a report and representation made by a member of the public at the meeting which was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024, members of the Open Spaces Committee held a meeting with the individual. Following on from that meeting, Councillors are asked to provide an oral report so that the Committee can decide whether:

- They are in agreement that a residents group, organised by the original requester could be formed to carry out works to Kingswood Copse.
- If the Committee is in agreement with a group of resident volunteers doing the works, what the scope would be and any timelines.
- If the Committee wish to undertake any hedgerow planting either side of the wooden fence (access point from A31).
- If the Committee would like to section off a portion near to the point of access from the A31 – considering the two suggested points by the resident (one near to the access point and one further down near to the Kingswood Rise entrance).

The suggestions that were made at the site meeting were made with the intention of protecting the SINC status of the area and maintaining the area for wildlife.

#### Agenda item 6.2

The Committee is asked to formally review the grass cutting deposits at the football pitch. A solution was found whereby the allotments would be provided with the grass cuttings and they seem to have been well received. An allotment holder has written into the Parish Office expressing that they have been pleased with the grass cuttings.

If the Committee would like to continue with the arrangement, consideration would need to be given to who will move the grass cuttings.

#### Agenda Item 6.3

The Committee are asked to note whether they are satisfied with the clearance of the debris from the banks of the Recreation Ground. A solution that the Committee could consider would be getting the contract gardener to remove and dispose of the waste.

Agenda Item 7.1

Location	Action Required	Status	Notes
<b>Allotments</b>	No pending tasks.		
<b>Badger Close</b>	Boundary Encroachment Badger Orchard Pine Road Area	In progress <b>Agenda item.</b>	Clerk to research further  Cllr Gebbett
<b>Cemetery</b>	Replacement gate stops. Replacement bench Works to oak tree	Pending Completed Completed.	Installed February 2024  January 8 <sup>th</sup> 2024
<b>Lymington Bottom Green</b>	Wildflower area and sign Village sign remedial works Works to Sycamore tree New bench – FM Care.	In progress On Hold. Completed. In progress	Signs delivered – to agree 2024 installation.
<b>Oak Green parade</b>	Flower bed maintenance Phone box/book share	In progress In progress	Contract gardener appointed. Alresford Mens shed constructing for donation.
<b>Recreation Ground</b>	Cricket equipment Containers Skate Park  Tennis courts	Pending Pending In progress  In progress	Clerk to organise. Grass mats to be installed – Handyman. Remainder of graffiti to be painted – Handyman Nature camera to be installed. Handyman 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2024.
	Football pitch/club Footway along football pitch	Ongoing In progress	Ongoing Liaison with Club regarding use. Measurements and preference on finish have been sent to landscape architect. S106 app – awaiting construction quotes
	Water refill point		Service completed July 2023. – contract expires October 2024; notice must be given July 2024 if contract is to be terminated. Agenda item for June 2024.
	Uplands Lane	Completed.	Basic remedial works undertaken.
<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	
	Footpaths	Ongoing	
	Bus stop maintenance	In progress	Cllr Coulson cleaning graffiti. Annual clean April 2024
<b>Swelling Hill Pond</b>	Silt removal project	In progress	Project completed – Councillors to sign off.
	South of pond/car park area.	In progress	Adverse possession claims in progress
	Ongoing maintenance plan	Agenda item.	
	Fencing replacement and small pond fencing.	In progress	
<b>Kingswood Copse</b>	Ongoing maintenance for nature and wildlife.	Agenda item	

#### Agenda item 7.4

#### Notes from EHDC Enforcement Team

16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

*Arrived at 09:06*

*I foot patrolled the area, including the playground, football pitch - full size & smaller pitch, perimeter of tennis courts & the skate park area. I noticed 3 fresh dog fouls during my visit, 2 of which were on the field to the rear of the pavilion and 1 near the tennis courts.*

*There are plenty of bins and signage in the area.*

*Seven dog walkers were seen but no fouling was witnessed.*

*There was signage around the perimeter of the smaller field which requested dog owners to keep their dogs on leads. There is no PSPO in place for this. I witness 3 dog walkers in contravention of the signage, all of which I spoke with and requested that they put their dogs onto leads.*

*The area in general is well kept and tidy. There were 11 instances of litter found, all of which was located around the perimeters of the fields and tennis court.*

*I do not believe there is a major issue with dog fouling in this area however, another patrol may be required in an attempt to catch those responsible for leaving behind 3 dog fouls.*

*Left area at 11:10*

14<sup>th</sup> February 2024

*Arrived at 09:56*

*I spoke to Victoria in the parish council office, she thinks that the main problem is on the cricket field & is currently ordering some new signage for the area.*

*I foot patrolled the area again as I did on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024.*

*The playground, football pitch - full size & smaller pitch & the skate park area with no signs of any dog fouling in the area.*

*Four dog walkers seen and one fouling witnessed that was immediately picked up.*

*I spoke to another dog walker & she did not feel that there was an issue here and said it was clean and the people who visit are well behaved, like most in Four Marks.*

*This is the cleanest area that I have patrolled as a hotspot & I do not see any issues at all in the area.*

*I do not recommend another patrol as there are no issues with dog fouling or littering in the area.*

*Left area at 11:23*

12<sup>th</sup> February 2024

*Patrol Report: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024*

*Recreation Ground, Uplands Lane, Four Marks.*

*Officer: EE14*

*Arrived at 13:07*

*Foot patrolled the area.*

*Playground, football pitch, full size & smaller pitch & the skate park area.*

*6 dog walkers seen and 2 fouls that were immediately picked up by owners.*

*I spoke to 3 of the dog walkers & all of them felt that there was not an issue with dog fouling here.*

*I will return for another patrol first thing on Wednesday morning which will be a different time period.*

*Left at 14:38*