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**MINUTES OF OPEN SPACES AND PLAY AREAS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022 via Zoom, 2pm**

<b>Initials:</b>	<b>Invited</b>
GS	Cllr Graham Styles (Chair)
JB	Cllr Jim Basker
EB	Cllr Edward Berry
TC	Tan Cox (Clerk)

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	Declaration of any pecuniary interests relating to items in the agenda: None	
	Apologies: None	
1	<p><b>MINUTES OF OSPA MEETING – 1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2021</b></p> <p><b>MATTERS ARISING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Regarding Bothenhampton Nature Reserve – the VFO was contacted about the tree that needs attention.</li> <li>● Regarding Bothenhampton Nature Reserve, additional dog bin – see item 1 below.</li> <li>● Regarding John Gundry Play Area – Cllr CA to progress redesign and re-organisation of the play area in the Spring.</li> </ul> <p><b>RECOMMENDATIONS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Regarding John Holt Play Area, new swings for older children – that the quote from GL Jones be ratified. See item 2 below.</li> </ul>	

Minutes agreed by the Chairman  
Signed minutes available via Clerk

Tan Cox  
Clerk to Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council



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3	<p><b>John Gundry Play Area</b></p> <p>Cllr CA will be commencing the redesign in the Spring.</p> <p>Cllr GS visited the play area on 16<sup>th</sup> January, he noticed a few minor issues for example concrete at the bottom of the fireman's pole was exposed and there is still the problem of the compacted bark in places.</p> <p>Cllr GS raised the idea of having a ramp constructed for wheelchairs or people with mobility problems rather than a gap round the wall of the play area. Cllr JB said he would consult with Cllr CA about this.</p>	Cllr JB	
4	<p><b>Lower Walditch Play Area</b></p> <p>There was some discussion around the work that PlayQuest is due to carry out. Letters have been sent to PlayQuest and they have agreed to repair the holes in the path. Cllr GS noted that molehills had sprung up amongst the equipment. No action is necessary, and the molehills should be flattened when the ground is mowed.</p> <p>Cllr JB confirmed that the apple tree planting in the Orchard is going ahead soon.</p>		
5	<p><b>Trees</b></p> <p>Cllr GS confirmed that more trees had been planted at Slades Green on the verges. These were mainly replacing ones that had failed. There was some evidence of petty vandalism around the area; for example, tree stakes/guards which were routinely removed and deposited elsewhere. Cllr GS to local residents to keep a closer eye.</p> <p>Cllr GS referred to the Main Committee Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January where it was agreed that two trees would be planted (one in each village), to mark the Platinum Jubilee with a suitable plaque.</p> <p>Cllr JB said that the Howard Road fruit trees are not doing very well. He said it would be good to plant additional fruit trees in the area. He will need to consult with local residents before embarking on this. Whatever we plant would need to be supported and maintained (watered) by residents, therefore it is imperative to get their support for this. Cllr JB suggested the Howard Road area should be added to the OSPA standard agenda.</p> <p>Cllr JB referred to the wild area down by the garages and said this is extremely weedy and could be converted to a hazel hedge.</p> <p>Cllr JB said money for trees and possible landscaping would be needed. Local community support would be needed also.</p>		

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6	<p><b>Allotments</b></p> <p>Cllr GS noted that there was nothing significant to add to earlier discussion on this.</p>		
7	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p>Working parties in conjunction with the Town Council could be arranged to deal with any overgrown vegetation in the nature reserves. Cllr GS referred to the WhatsApp account in the village and that this would be a good way to contact villagers to convene working parties. Agreed this to be an agenda item for meeting in April. Agreed Cllrs GS and EB to work out what work could be covered by a working party in the Spring/Summer.</p> <p>Cllr JB referred to the use that farmers and landowners are making of their open spaces. There was discussion about the recent motor bike rally course that one landowner had created on his land, near Bothenhampton Nature Reserve, and which precipitated a number of complaints to Dorset Council by both the parish council and local residents.</p> <p>Cllr GS referred to the Climate Change agenda and to the meeting that was to take place in Bothenhampton on 29<sup>th</sup> January, which is now a Zoom meeting because of the risk from COVID. The face to face meeting would happen later this year, when conditions permit. He said that both allotments and trees were part of that agenda.</p> <p>PSPO (Public Space Protection Orders) survey – Cllr GS said that he did complete the survey however it seemed to be Bridport centred rather than relevant for the villages.</p>	Cllrs GS/EB	

Date of the next Open Spaces and Play Areas Sub-Committee Meeting: 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at Ivy House, Bridport or via Zoom, 2pm.

**SUMMARY OF AGREED ACTIONS – 17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022**

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<b>BOTHENHAMPTON NATURE RESERVE</b>		
<b>Costs for additional dog bin</b> - costs (and on-costs) of an additional dog bin to be provided to councillors.	Clerk	2
<b>Signage at the entrance to the nature reserve</b> - Cllr EB will supply some text to the Clerk who will then have the laminated signs made up.	Cllr EB/ Clerk	2
<b>JOHN HOLT PLAY AREA</b>		
<b>Play Area Gate and Picnic Tables</b> - speak to Lengthsman about these issues	Cllr GS	2
<b>JOHN GUNDRY PLAY AREA</b>		
<b>Ramp for wheelchairs or people with mobility problems</b> rather than a gap round the wall of the play area. Cllr CA to be consulted.	Cllr JB	3
<b>AOB</b>		
<b>Working parties for nature reserves</b> - councillors to work out what work could be covered by a working party in the Spring/Summer.	Cllrs GS and EB	4

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**RECOMMENDATIONS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE – 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022**

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