

MINUTES OF OPEN SPACES AND PLAY AREAS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

17TH JANUARY 2022 via Zoom, 2pm

Initials:	Invited
GS	Cllr Graham Styles (Chair)
JB	Cllr Jim Basker
EB	Cllr Edward Berry
тс	Tan Cox (Clerk)

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

Minutes agreed by the Chairman Signed minutes available via Clerk

Ref	MAIN BUSINESS		Papers
1	Nature Reserves:		
	Jellyfields Nature Reserve Cllr JB advised that the path has been cleared, possibly by BTC. Cllr GS reported that Bridport Town Council had no news about the transfer of the nature reserves, the hold-up is thought to be at Dorset Council.		
	Bothenhampton Nature Reserve Cllr EB advised that the Bothenhampton Nature Reserve had no issues and was in good order.		
	Several councillors were strongly in favour of an additional dog bin in the area. This matter is on the Agenda for the Traffic, Transport and Footpaths sub-committee to be held on 21 st January 2022 where it will be further debated.		
	Councillors also discussed the additional costs (and on-costs) of an additional dog bin and the Clerk agreed to provide approximate figures.	Clerk	
	The matter of additional signage at the entrance to the nature reserve was discussed and various options were considered. It was agreed that the sign could be designed and created by us. The Lengthsman could then attach to the existing board. Cllr JB suggested created a Notice with our logo and wording. It was agreed that Cllr EB will supply some text to the Clerk who will then have the laminated signs made up.	Cllr EB/ Clerk	
2	John Holt Play Area		
	The Clerk confirmed that the Section 106 monies for the new swings has been received and that she has spoken to GL Jones and asked them to progress the manufacture of the swing. The funding had been supplemented by the community successfully raising £500 as a contribution.		
	Cllr GS advised that once the new swing had been installed a small gathering (celebration) might be arranged to mark the event using any additional fundraising monies.		
	Cllr GS advised that the play area gate latch still needs to be fixed and he will speak to the Lengthsman about that. Cllr GS also referred to the picnic tables, that he believed had been painted with wood preservative; one of these had been coned and roped off. However, he said this was about a month ago and the cones/ropes were still in place. He agreed to raise with the Lengthsman.	Cllr GS	
	The village may use the Play Area to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations – more on this in April.		

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3	John Gundry Play Area		
	Cllr CA will be commencing the redesign in the Spring.		
	Cllr GS visited the play area on 16 th 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.		
	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.	Cllr JB	
4	Lower Walditch Play Area		
	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.		
	Cllr JB confirmed that the apple tree planting in the Orchard is going ahead soon.		
5	Trees		
	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.		
	Cllr GS referred to the Main Committee Meeting held on 10 th January where it was agreed that two trees would be planted (one in each village), to mark the Platinum Jubilee with a suitable plaque.		
	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.		
	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.		
	Cllr JB said money for trees and possible landscaping would be needed. Local community support would be needed also.		

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6	Allotments Cllr GS noted that there was nothing significant to add to earlier discussion on this.		
7	ANY OTHER BUSINESS		
	 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. 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. 	CIIrs GS/EB	
	Cllr GS referred to the Climate Change agenda and to the meeting that was to take place in Bothenhampton on 29 th 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. 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.		

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

SUMMARY OF AGREED ACTIONS – 17th JANUARY 2022

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

ITEMS ROLLED OVER – 17th JANUARY 2022

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None		

RECOMMENDATIONS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE – 7th FEBRUARY 2022

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