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**MINUTES OF OPEN SPACES AND PLAY AREAS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING
held in the IVY HOUSE at 2pm on 24th August 2021**

Initials	Present
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	
	<p>MINUTES OF 5th July 2021 The minutes for the 5th July 2021 were agreed.</p> <p>MATTERS ARISING FROM MEETING ON 5th July 2021</p> <p>Nature Reserves</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Wessex Water to advise about broken gate and padlock. (Action completed) No progress has since been made on this and Cllr JB agreed to chase. • Remind VFO that he may clear areas of Bothenhampton Nature Reserve. Cllr GS spoke to VFO who had spoken to DIGS and has been advised to keep a small path open for the time being until the face of the quarry is stabilized. The VFO said there are a variety of garden plants growing in the area (escapees) and that it will be up to DIGS and BTC to decide which plants to keep. <p>Lower Walditch Play Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send letter regarding request for further equipment and access to S106 monies to councillors. (Action completed) 	Cllr JB

Minutes agreed: Chairman

on 25th October 2021

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	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM MEETING ON 5th July 2021 (cont).</p> <p>Allotments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek introduction to landowner. See page 4 below. • Contact Ian Bark (article for Bridge on owning an allotment) and Robin Carter (experience of setting up an allotment site in Loders). Cllr JB to follow up with IB. Cllr GS has spoken to RC – see page 4 below. <p>Hedge at Valley View</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contact contractor and advise that he should call in on the homeowner and discuss problem. (Action completed) 	Cllr JB
1	<p>MAIN BUSINESS</p> <p>NATURE RESERVES</p> <p>There is no news about the transfer.</p> <p>The parish council were advised today of a van that has been parked on Lower Walditch Lane (vehicle reg AE04 BHU) adjacent to the entrance to the Jellyfields Nature Reserve.</p> <p>After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk will write to Dorset Council advising that the vehicle has been parked up for some time. Cllr JB to contact Mr Brinsden (the resident's relation) to seek further information, before a possible approach to the owner.</p> <p>Cllr GS referred to our letter to Dorset Council on the 8th July 2021. The response from (R Goff) was not comprehensive; for example, it did not cover the issue relating to fires, BBQ's and camping in the Bothenhampton Nature Reserve. Councillors confirmed that signs have still not been put up at the entrance to the Nature Reserve. Councillors noted that R Goff's advice is to contact Fire Brigade/Police if a fire/party are seen.</p> <p>The Clerk is to ask BTC to erect a sign (at Quarry Lane and Wych Hill entrances).</p> <p>Cllr EB confirmed that the Quarry Lane dog bin has been replaced and has been fixed to the gate of the Nature Reserve. However, the original stake and fixings have been left. The Clerk to contact BTC to arrange for the stake and any concrete post-fix to be removed.</p>	<p>Clerk Cllr JB</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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2	<p>JOHN HOLT PLAY AREA</p> <p>Cllr JB thanked those who dealt with the ivy along the dry-stone wall.</p> <p>Cllr GS said that Dorset Council has now removed all of their equipment that had been stored in the area whilst repairing the Bothenhampton Wall, and an area of grass has been re-seeded.</p> <p>Cllr GS referred to the birthday party that will take place in the Play Area on the 25th August and asked the Clerk to seek feedback from the hirers afterwards.</p> <p>Cllr GS referred to a request from two residents (aged 7) for bigger swings and monkey bars. The Clerk agreed to raise at the F&F sub-committee meeting on 27th August 2021 with a view to examining this and the other possible Play Area investments (see below).</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
3	<p>JOHN GUNDRY PLAY AREA</p> <p>Councillors discussed the letter sent to Playdale about repairs to the concrete around the posts and the Clerk confirmed that there had been no response. Clerk to chase.</p> <p>Councillors also discussed Cllr CA's proposal for alterations to the play area Cllr GS thanked Cllr CA and KH (playground inspector) for their suggestions, and suggested an estimate is obtained and any spend co-ordinated with the replacements at John Holt.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
4	<p>LOWER WALDITCH PLAY AREA</p> <p>Cllr JB said that the LWPA committee are waiting for us to advise them about the purchase of a wobbly bridge (refer to Main Committee Agenda – 13th September 2021). There was discussion around the impact on current insurance contributions and the ongoing maintenance of the new equipment. The Clerk advised councillors that the item had been elevated to the Main Committee Agenda in order that all councillors can decide on the appropriate course of action.</p> <p>The Clerk agreed to approach the insurers to ask about any impact on premium.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
5	<p>TREES</p> <p>Cllr GS advised that the trees planted up at Slades Green trees are doing well. He advised that he had not yet received the 'license to cultivate' from the Highways Department. Cllr GS to chase.</p>	<p>Cllr GS</p>

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	<p>TREES (Cont)</p> <p>With regards The Hyde – Cllr GS spoke to Joe Hackett who advised that negotiations are going well with The Hyde and it has been agreed to plant 20 specimen parkland trees on the site, plus a shelter belt. They have agreed to have an open hour for the public during the ‘Big Green Week’ 18th - 26th September.</p> <p>Cllr JB referred to Sycamore Avenue and to the inactivity of Dorset Council to enforce planting along the Avenue. The Clerk confirmed that she had heard nothing back from them. Clerk to chase Dorset Council and also to advise them of the progress being made at The Hyde.</p> <p>Cllr JB referred to the Howard Road / Valley View site and asked the Clerk to arrange for the newly planted trees to be staked and for the grass to be removed from around the bottom of the trees to ensure they are not damaged during the strimming process.</p> <p>Cllr JB said he is still considering extra trees to be planted at the bottom near the garages.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
6	<p>ALLOTMENTS</p> <p>Cllr GS advised that he has requested an introduction to the owners of greenhouses at the bottom of Duck Street and will chase if necessary.</p> <p>Cllr GS said he had spoken to Robin Carter 9th August. Robin had suggested several other possible sites for allotments within the village, which could be pursued if necessary.</p> <p>Infrastructure, and utilities such as water and possibly electricity would need to be considered. Robin kindly offered to help with any assessment of the level of interest/demand for allotments in Bothenhampton.</p>	Cllr GS
	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>There was no AOB</p>	
	<p>The meeting ended at 3.20pm. Date of next meeting 25th October 2021 at 2pm via</p>	

SUMMARY OF AGREED ACTIONS – 24th August 2021

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Regarding Contacting Wessex Water to advise about broken gate and padlock. No progress has been made on this and Cllr JB agreed to chase.	Cllr JB	1
Regarding Allotments – Contact Ian Bark (article for Bridge on owning an allotment) Cllr JB to follow up with IB. .	Cllr JB	2
Regarding Nature Reserves – van parked adjacent to the entrance of Jellyfields Nature Reserve. Clerk to write to Dorset Council DC highways (BSU) and DC Environmental health. Cllr JB to contact Mr Brinsden (the resident) and explain the action we are taking	Clerk Cllr JB	2
Regarding Nature Reserves - Clerk is to ask BTC to erect a sign (at Quarry Lane and Wych Hill entrances).	Clerk	2
Regarding Nature Reserves – Clerk to contact BTC to arrange for the stake and any concrete post-fix to be removed	Clerk	2
Regarding John Holt Play Area – Birthday party – clerk to contact to obtain feedback	Clerk	3
Regarding bigger swings and monkey bars –raise at F&F	Clerk	3
Regarding John Gundry Play Area - Clerk to chase Playdale	Clerk	3
Regarding John Gundry Play Area – Clerk to ask Cllr CA to obtain and estimate and to advise F&F to co-ordinate spend with replacements requested at John Holt Play Area.	Clerk	3
Regarding Lower Walditch Play Area – Wobbly Bridge – clerk to contact insurers.	Clerk	3
Regarding Trees – Cllr GS to chase DC for 'license to cultivate'	Cllr GS	3
Regarding Trees – Clerk to contact DC about Sycamore Avenue.	Clerk	4
Regarding Trees – Clerk to arrange for newly planted trees to be staked and for grass to be removed from around the bottom of the trees.	Clerk	4
Regarding Allotments – Chase in due course.	Cllr GS	4

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RECOMMENDATIONS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE – 13th September 2021

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Decision on spend and permission for additional play equipment (wobbly bridge) at LWPA.	3

RECOMMENDATION REFERRED TO F&F SUB-COMMITTEE – 27th August 2021

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Request from two residents (aged 7) for bigger swings and monkey bars.	3

RECOMMENDATION REFERRED TO TT&F SUB-COMMITTEE – 27th August 2021

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None	