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**MINUTES OF OPEN SPACES AND PLAY AREAS SUB-COMMITTEE
held at GREYSTONES at 3pm on 5th SEPTEMBER 2019**

Initials	Present
JB	Cllr Jim Basker
TC	Tan Cox (Clerk)

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<p>Apologies: Cllr Ann Langridge, Cllr Chris Dobbs</p>	
<p>John Gundry Play Area</p> <p>Cllr Basker (JB) had met with Daryl Chambers (DC) from Bridport Town Council (BTC) on the morning of the 5th September at John Gundry Play Area.</p> <p>It was noted that several posts had been marked with 'red dots' denoting that they were rotten. JB discussed the quote that the Parish Council (PC) had received from Playdale and DC said that he thought the quote was expensive, he mentioned a link that BTC have with Sutcliffe Play (South West) Ltd who design and manufacture children's outdoor playground equipment, DC recommended that the PC buy what is required and ask a local installer to install the purchased product. He recommended John Bright who is a local installer residing at West Bay who could supply and replace the rotten posts BTC also use a local blacksmith Paul Townsend to produce any metal features required. DC also indicated that the remedial work could be done over a number of years, targeting the most urgent first and working through the play area replacing or repairing year by year.</p> <p>JB and DC looked at the goal areas and DC suggested the PC obtain a catalogue from Huck Nets in order to ensure we order the correct kit and/or replacements for the net already there. DC pointed out that the original goal posts had been discarded in the woodland adjacent to the play area.</p> <p>Action: TC to ask Lengthsman (EW) to cut it up and a scrap metal merchant to collect and take away. EW may know of a scrap dealer who would want it.</p> <p>The gate to the play area needs straightening out</p> <p>Action: TC to ask Lengthsman to deal with gate</p>	<p>TC</p> <p>TC</p>

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<p>It was noted that opposite the play park is an area of derelict land. JB said he will approach Mr John Gundry for permission to make the area into a small car park.</p> <p>JB and DC looked at the woodland, the peripheral edges have been cut back quite considerably and this will have been completed by Forest and Tree Care who were engaged in July 2019 to deal with the overgrown state of the woodland. It was noted however, that there is at least one dead tree leaning towards the play area and another that has split and is overhanging the play area. These need to be dealt with as a matter of urgency.</p> <p>Action: TC to ask Arboricultural Officer (West) at Dorset Council to carry out this work as soon as practicable.</p> <p>A condition survey of all trees in the woodland and surrounding the John Gundry Play Area needs to be done.</p> <p>Action: TC to ask Arboricultural Officer (West) at Dorset Council, Forest and Tree Care and Town and Country Tree Care to quote for carrying out a condition survey of the trees in this area.</p> <p>Refurbishment Plan – the aim would be to do things bit by bit over time. JB referred to his conversation with another parish council (Shipton Gorge) where they place £2k per play area every year into a ring-fenced fund specifically for play areas.</p> <p>Action: TC to raise this at the Finance and Funding sub-committee on 6th September.</p>	<p>TC</p> <p>TC</p> <p>TC</p>
<p>Churchyards</p> <p>JB and DC discussed the work required within the various churchyards. DC advised JB that if the PC grant money towards the upkeep of a churchyard they are therefore responsible for it (including any insurance claims). JB said that the PC should consider carrying out a condition survey of trees within the various churchyards.</p> <p>Action: TC to ask Arboricultural Officer (West) at Dorset Council, Forest and Tree Care and Town and Country Tree Care to quote for carrying out a condition survey of the trees within the parish's churchyards.</p>	<p>TC</p>
<p>Noticeboards</p> <p>JB discussed the state of Walditch's noticeboard with DC and DC advised JB that a new noticeboard could be made (bespoke) to a size and specification required by the PC, with the supporting structure made by the blacksmith, Paul Townsend. The new noticeboard would be lockable, and the public would need to ask JB and/or CA if they wanted to place an advert onto the noticeboard. The new noticeboard could go where the old noticeboard is currently sited and would thus alleviate the need to place a new noticeboard on the village green. JB agreed to visit Mountfield to look at some of the examples of noticeboards with DC.</p>	<p>JB</p>

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<p>Lower Walditch Play Area and Orchard</p> <p>JB confirmed that the Section 106 monies had been graded and that the PC is in the process of drawing it down in phased payments.</p> <p>JB said that he is awaiting confirmation from the Lower Walditch Play Area Neighbourhood Committee as to what equipment they would like to have installed. The idea being that the Neighbourhood Committee order the items (through BTC) and the PC will pay invoices.</p> <p>TC confirmed that she is awaiting to receive a call-back from Dorset County for them to explain the mechanism around operating Section 106 monies and how the council goes about drawing down money.</p> <p>JB said that the PC is awaiting sight of a forward plan detailing fundraising events – produced by the Neighbourhood Committee.</p> <p>JB also said that the Lease is yet to be returned to us by the solicitors.</p>	
<p>John Holt Play Area</p> <p>JB referred to an email received from Cllr A Langridge (AL) who has contributed the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. My view that Ken Hussey should be instructed to repair the picnic bench, as mentioned in his last inspection report (£15 + £50 installation cost) 2. I am trying to arrange a couple of quotes for applying preservative treatment to the 3 picnic benches (no quotes received so far) 3. Turf has been sourced (Richard Williamson) for free for the goal mouth areas and my husband has volunteered to lay it. Cost here is probably just some soil to pack under the turf to level the areas 4. I will attempt to cut away the turf around the supports to the cradle swing. This is also mentioned in Ken's report. Cost here is the purchase of preservative, which I will apply <p>Action: TC to ask KH to repair picnic bench</p> <p>JB referred to a dead tree and a rusty pole and asked TC to contact Arboricultural Officer (West) at Dorset Council to deal with the dead tree. Not sure what we agreed with regards the rusty pole?</p> <p>JB said that he had received a complaint regarding a pile of grass cuttings that had been piled up in the corner of John Holt Play Area (presumably by Nick David) JB has not yet received a copy of the contract. Action: TC to ask ND to find another place for clippings and to also send a copy of his contract to us.</p> <p>Maintenance Plan - £2k every year into a ring-fenced fund specifically for John Holt Play Area.</p>	<p>TC</p> <p>TC</p> <p>TC</p>

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<p>Footpaths</p> <p>JB attended a meeting today at Spinners Lane with representatives from Dorset Council (Blair Turner, Andy Probets and several others), together with two local residents. There needs to be immediate action at Spinners Lane and additional machinery such as a jetting machine with camera is required to ascertain whether the drain under the Walditch Road Is still intact or whether it has collapsed. The work that is needed will depend upon the findings of this preliminary investigation. There is also a need to place a camera into the Culvert in Spinners Lane to check whether it is a pipe or an earlier stone structure, there was some confusion over which Dorset Council department will pay for the repair work as differing departments are responsible for various aspects of the work. BT to progress.</p> <p>There is a further complication, should the culvert need to be repaired or reconstructed because it is located beneath a leaning chimney, where there are differing opinions as to the state of the chimney and to council workers operating equipment below it. Before any work begins BT will need to contact Dorset Council's Building Enforcement Department to obtain an Enforcement Order to take the chimney down.</p> <p>BT also recommended to one local resident, Mrs Sally Brown, that she take down the trees at the side of the house as the roots will undermine the drain/sewers.</p> <p>BT has said that he will write up a report and forward to the Clerk (TC).</p> <p>JB asked BT about the Dorset Council reporting structure and learned that Mr R Goff's line manager is Mr Giles Nicholson (GN). BT recommended that JB contact GN and explain the problems of eroded footpaths, Mr Nicholson may be able to suggest sources of extra finance for the upkeep of the PC's footpaths. JB confirmed that the PC could possibly stir up interest in the local community to volunteer to clear some of the footpaths.</p>	
<p>Items from Parish Council Minutes – 8th July 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regarding Play Area Inspection Reports – John Holt. See above. Goal posts have been painted. Goal posts and nets – AL to take photograph and return to Huck Nets ask for credit note if they accept them back. • Regarding John Gundry Play Area – see above. With reference to KH's reports relating to sockets in ground for goal. DC recommended that we obtain Huck Nets' catalogue prior to purchasing. The goal sockets have been hammered in. 	

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<p>Bridleways W5/9, W5/10 and W5/12</p> <p>JB to talk to GN about the bridleways.</p> <p>JB referred to a local Walditch resident, Mr Paul Collins who wrote to the council regarding the state of Jellyfields and who also wrote to Dorset Council too.</p> <p>Action: TC to contact Mr Collins to ask whether any work has been carried out in Jellyfields.</p> <p>TC had received an on-line map from Dorset Council which upon inspection wasn't very helpful – it showed some footpaths but not others. JB has paper maps dated 2014 which he is referring to.</p> <p>JB confirmed that the bridleways most in need of attention are W5/9 which is now very narrow and has been encroached upon by a wood yard, W5/10 which is very overgrown and W5/12 which has eroded away.</p>	

Meeting ended at 4.50pm	
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Minutes agreed:

