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**MINUTES OF OPEN SPACES AND PLAY AREAS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD VIA ZOOM at 2pm on 1<sup>st</sup> November 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><b>MINUTES OF 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021</b></p> <p>The minutes of 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021 having been agreed by email, were accepted.</p> <p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM MEETING ON 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021</b></p> <p><b>Bothenhampton Nature Reserve</b></p> <p>Regarding Contacting Wessex Water to advise about broken gate and padlock. No progress has been made on this and Cllr JB agreed to chase. Action completed.</p> <p>Regarding signage – request BTC to erect sign at Quarry Lane and Wych Hill entrances. Action completed.</p> <p>Contact BTC to arrange for the stake and any concrete post-fix to be removed Allotments. Action completed.</p> <p>Contact Ian Bark (article for Bridge on owning an allotment) Cllr JB to follow up with IB. Action completed.</p> <p><b>Jellyfields Nature Reserve</b></p> <p>Write to Dorset Council DC highways (BSU) and DC Environmental health. Contact resident Mr Brinsden. Action completed.</p>	

Minutes agreed: Chairman  on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Tan Cox  
Clerk to Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council

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	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM MEETING ON 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021</b></p> <p><b>John Holt Play Area</b> Obtain feedback following birthday party. Feedback was received and is positive. Regarding new swings – raise at F&amp;F. Quotes to be considered in item 6.</p> <p><b>John Gundry Play Area</b> Chase Playdale – ongoing situation with regards repairs to play equipment – see item 3</p> <p>Regarding re-design - Cllr CA to obtain an estimate and to advise F&amp;F to co-ordinate spend with replacements requested at John Holt Play Area. Action completed – and see item 3 below.</p> <p><b>Lower Walditch Play Area</b> Contact insurers regarding impact of extra equipment on premium. Action completed.</p> <p><b>Trees</b> Chase DC for 'license to cultivate. Action completed Chase DC again about Sycamore Avenue. Action completed Arrange for newly planted trees to be staked and removal of turf. Action completed</p> <p><b>Allotments</b> Chase introduction in due course. See item 6</p>	
	<p><b>MAIN BUSINESS</b></p>	
1	<p><b>NATURE RESERVES</b></p> <p><b>Bothenhampton Nature Reserve</b></p> <p>Cllr GS referred to letter from Mr Snelgrove (DIGS), who has been undertaking clearance work within Wanderwell Quarry by the Lime Kiln and Information Panel. The Clerk confirmed a letter has been written to Mr Snelgrove thanking him for his work.</p> <p>Cllr GS said that he had noticed a tree that needed some attention and would speak to the VFO about this.</p>	Cllr GS

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	<p>Issue of dog fouling between the Valley Road entrance and the back of the lime kiln. The need for an additional dog bin was discussed at the TT&amp;F sub-committee meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> October and it was agreed at that meeting that no further dog bins would be provided. However, Cllr EB said that he would like another dog bin to be considered, and that we should ask the Lengthsman where he feels this could be most appropriately located, either at the top of the steps or at the bottom.</p> <p>Cllr GS said that there are two points to consider, firstly relating to access (for the bins to be emptied) and secondly the cost of purchase and installation. Cllr JB said that an ideal location would be on the footpath at Valley View next to the nearest road (ie at the top of the steps).</p> <p>Cllr JB agreed with Cllr EB and said that Jellyfields has two dog bins at both its main entrances.</p> <p>The Clerk said she would put onto the Finance and Funding Agenda.</p> <p>Mr Snelgrove also reported on a landslip. Cllr GS said that warning notices were probably not needed as there did not appear to be any danger to the public.</p> <p>Cllr JB suggested that a geological noticeboard could be erected at some point in the future giving information about the quarry to visitors.</p> <p><b>Jellyfields Nature Reserve</b></p> <p>Cllr JB reported that an overgrown path had now been cleared.</p>	Clerk
2	<p><b>JOHN HOLT PLAY AREA</b></p> <p>The Main Committee Meeting in September agreed that up to £3,000 could be made available for the purchase of the new (older children) swings. The Clerk had prepared three quotes for consideration by OSPA councillors. There was discussion around all the quotes provided.</p> <p><b>Recommendation to Main Committee</b> – That the quote from GL Jones be ratified. Once ratified by the PC, the Clerk will progress this to secure the quoted price. As agreed, the community will be invited to raise the remaining amount.</p> <p>Playground Inspector Report - several matters arose (mainly relating to the gate), Cllr GS will discuss with the Lengthsman.</p> <p>Plastic barriers left by Dorset Council have now been collected after Cllr GS's request.</p> <p>Preservative needs to be applied to the legs of the basket swing and to the seats/tables. Cllr GS will discuss with the playground inspector.</p>	

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3	<p><b>JOHN GUNDRY PLAY AREA</b></p> <p>Playground Inspector Report - several matters arose (mainly relating to bark coverage and access), and the concrete around the swings. Cllr CA has met Playdale's engineer, and the parish council has asked Playdale to provide written confirmation that should the swings need further attention, the relevant parts would be replaced, and labour would be provided free of charge.</p> <p>Cllr CA's suggestion for redesign – the redesign suggestion to re-organise the play area to reduce the amount of bark chippings and improve access was discussed and Cllr CA's redesign suggestion was approved, and he is asked to progress this.</p>	Cllr CA
4	<p><b>LOWER WALDITCH PLAY AREA</b></p> <p>Playground Inspector Report - several matters arose (mainly relating to the pathway weeds and small hole in the path (by Viking Swing)). A repair kit to repair the hole has been purchased. The local group are going to find someone to repair the hole, this could be the Playground Inspector. The log circle has been removed.</p> <p>The Friends of Lower Walditch Committee intends to plant apple trees and hornbeam into the orchard area. The Clerk confirmed that she had dealt with a request from the Group to draw down the S106 monies of £130.74 for various trees. This is ongoing.</p>	
5	<p><b>TREES</b></p> <p>Cllr GS mentioned the plans that The Hyde has for its grounds in the planting of twenty parkland trees and a shelter belt of about 100 trees, including access to the public in the future. There could be a footpath created along part of Sycamore Way to facilitate access. Cllr GS reminded councillors to be mindful of potential sites on which trees could be planted in Spring.</p>	
6	<p><b>ALLOTMENTS</b></p> <p>Cllr GS said he had spoken to the owner of the greenhouses in Duck Street and discussed the possibility of using the site for community activity such as allotments. The owner is currently considering how to take forward the site, including the possibility of some form of commercial activity, and Cllr GS will remain in touch. It was agreed that it would be a good subject to discuss with David Pencheon when he attends the main committee meeting in November. Several local people had expressed an interest in an allotment following the Mayor's article in The Bridge. the Clerk is maintaining a list.</p>	

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7	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p>DC News Survey - walking, cycling and horse-riding a reminder for councillors to complete the survey.</p> <p>The Clerk drew attention to the dates of future meetings.</p> <p>17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022</p>	
	The meeting ended at 3pm.	

Date of the next Open Spaces and Play Areas Sub-Committee Meeting: 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 @ Ivy House at 2pm. Previous minutes can be found on [www.bothenhamptonwalditchparishcouncil.com](http://www.bothenhamptonwalditchparishcouncil.com)

#### SUMMARY OF AGREED ACTIONS – 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021

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Regarding Bothenhampton Nature Reserve – contact VFO about the tree that needs attention. Regarding additional dog bin in Valley Road area – put onto Finance and Funding Agenda	Cllr GS	2
	Clerk	3
Regarding John Gundry Play Area – that the suggestion made for the redesign and re-organisation of the play area to reduce the amount of bark chippings and improve access is approved. Cllr CA to progress.	Cllr CA	4

#### SUMMARY OF ROLLED OVER ITEMS – 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021

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None	

#### RECOMMENDATIONS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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Regarding John Holt Play Area – New swings for older children - that the quote from GL Jones be ratified.	4

**RECOMMENDATION REFERRED TO F&F SUB-COMMITTEE – 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022**

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To consider the purchase of additional dog bin(s) and installation of same at the Valley View area of Bothenhampton Nature Reserve.	2

**RECOMMENDATION REFERRED TO TT&F SUB-COMMITTEE – 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022**

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None	