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**MINUTES OF OPEN SPACES AND PLAY AREAS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING
held at GREYSTONES at 2pm on 21st FEBRUARY 2020**

Initials	Present
AL	Cllr Ann Langridge (Chair)
JB	Cllr Jim Basker
GS	Cllr Gill Smith
TC	Tan Cox (Clerk)

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	Declaration of any pecuniary interests relating to items in the agenda: None	
	Apologies: None	
	PRESENTATION FROM JOE HACKETT – TREE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR Mr Hackett explained the campaign that is being championed in Bridport and said that there is a lot of goodwill for trees nationally and locally, however it is a lot of work, people want to know about trees and they also need to be planted. There is also a need to look after trees after they have been planted and this is still a challenge. Mr Hackett said that the next event will be 14 th March, ‘More Trees Please’ at the United Reformed Church culminating at Asker Meadows. The event will include information and education about trees, and a film featuring Dan Snow. The group is affiliated to Friends of the Earth West Dorset and involves a lot of new people (currently 95 people on the mailing list). Mr Hackett said that the project hopes to have a permanent tree nursery at Riverside Gardens, Bridport.	

Minutes agreed: Chairman

on 21st February 2020

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	<p>Cllr AL referred to the hedge that is being considered along Howard Road and Mr Hackett confirmed that some trees will be available for the parish council including goat willow, holly and hazel. Cllr JB spoke about the rewilding plans for Howard Road and to the consultation process which is yet to be completed.</p>	
1	<p>MATTERS ARISING - 30TH DECEMBER 2019 The minutes of 30th December were agreed and matters arising were dealt with:</p> <p>John Gundry Play Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A5 sized flyer sent to Walditch residents advising them of the closure and the need to replace the play equipment. Action Completed <p>Noticeboards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Walditch Village Green. Email sent to Paul Townsend 31.12.19. (Update - Cllr JB advised of a further delay on delivery until beginning March 2020. <p>John Holt Play Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lengthsman be asked to oil swing. Email sent to Lengthsman & BTC 31.12.19. Cllr GS to check. <p>Parish Council Quarterly Bulletin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This item has been transferred to the Main Committee for further discussion. <p>ROLLED OVER ITEMS - 30TH DECEMBER 2019</p> <p>John Gundry Play Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Play Area Log Cabin. The Play Area Inspector (Ken Hussey) has quoted to carry out repairs to the Log Cabin top. Cllr AL said there are three posts that are rotten too. Cllr JB said he is meeting with the Walditch Volunteer Group (set up to help with the opening of John Gundry Play Area). Cllr JB let it be known that he is acting as the liaison between the parish council and the village group. Cllr JB referred to the discussions between the village group and the play area inspector (Ken Hussey). Councillors expressed their concern about this and did not want the village group to commit to any spend without prior agreement from the parish council's Finance sub-committee. It was agreed that the best outcome would be for the village group and the parish council to be equal partners in any decisions. Cllr AL requested a plan of work/replacement/maintenance in order that the necessary budget can be set aside. Cllr JB to ensure parish council views are known to the group. 	<p style="text-align: center;">GS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JB</p>

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4	<p>JOHN GUNDRY PLAY AREA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cllr JB said that the play area finger post has disappeared. Councillors assumed that it has been taken away to repaint. Cllr JB to enquire when he next meets with the village group. 	JB
5	<p>LOWER WALDITCH PLAY AREA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cllr JB referred to the quote that he has received from Play Quest and the various minutes from the Walditch Play Area Group. He said that the quote includes the laying of a footpath for disabled access. He confirmed that BTC are going to make the disabled access from the car park. Cllr JB said that the Walditch Play Area Group had requested a dog bin and a rubbish bin on or near the site. Cllr JB to obtain a map of the area and mark on the map where the dog bin and the rubbish bin should be sited. Clerk to liaise with Daryl C to ensure these items are provided. 	JB/TC
6	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>Play area notice boards / signs – Cllr AL and Cllr GS had gone to look at play area signs in neighbouring parishes. Cllr JB said that the playground inspector Ken Hussey specifies what should be on the sign.</p> <p>Cllr AL stepped down as Chairman of the OSPA group. Cllr GS will take over as Chair for one meeting to decide on whether she wants to do it permanently. Councillors (and the Clerk), thanked Cllr AL for her hard work in chairing the sub-committee meetings up to now.</p> <p>Sub-committee also discussed compiling a map for the Howard Road rewilding plan which would show the location of trees and hedges. Cllr JB to provide a map to the Clerk. There was general agreement to consult resident and delay any planting until after the consultation – which would mean commencing in Autumn.</p>	<p>GS</p> <p>JB/TC</p>
	<p>The meeting ended at 3.40pm and the Clerk reminded councillors of the date of next meeting – 27th April 2020 at Greystones 2pm</p>	

SUMMARY OF AGREED ACTIONS – 21st February 2020

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Regarding John Holt Play Area – Councillor to check that swings have been oiled. Organise volunteer working party to tidy the whole site up. Lengthsman to take down signs Slats in bench to be mended	GS AL TC JB	2 3 3 3
Regarding John Gundry Play Area - ensure parish council views are known to the village group. Enquire as to the whereabouts of the finger post.	JB JB	2 4
Regarding Lower Walditch Plan Area - map of the area to show where the dog bin and the rubbish bin should be sited. Clerk to liaise with Daryl C to ensure these items are provided.	JB TC	4 4
Regarding OSPA Chair – cover chair position for temporary period	GS	4
Regarding Howard Road Rewilding – provide map to Clerk Draft design of rewilded area	JB TC	4 4

SUMMARY OF ROLLED OVER ITEMS – 29th June 2020

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Regarding Play Area signage – replace existing signs with updated wording. Playground Inspector (KH) provides examples of wording that is required.	3
Regarding Community Interest Trust - to raise money to buy unspecified property in the area.	3

RECOMMENDATIONS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE – 9th March 2020

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IT IS RECOMMENDED that:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the parish council publish a Quarterly Bulletin in the Bridge (as other parishes do) 	2

RECOMMENDATIONS REFERRED TO FINANCE & FUNDING COMMITTEE – 6th March 2020

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None	