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MINUTES OF OPEN SPACES AND PLAY AREAS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

11th OCTOBER 2023 AT Ivy House, Bridport at 2pm

Initials:	Invited
GS	Cllr Graham Styles (Chair)
JB	Cllr Jim Basker
TC	Tan Cox (Clerk)

Ref		Papers
	Declaration of any pecuniary interests relating to items in the agenda: None	
	Apologies: None	
1	<p>MINUTES OF MONDAY 24th JULY 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes, having been agreed by email were accepted. <p>MATTERS ARISING FROM MEETING ON 24th JULY 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regarding Jellyfields Nature Reserve – The bench has now been repaired by the lengthsman, paths have been cleared. Action completed. • Regarding John Holt Play Area – Quotes obtained and ordered. Action completed. <p>John Gundry Play Area – replacement crossbar and net has been fitted to equipment. Action completed.</p> <p>Application of preservative on timber frames – approach Lengthsman. Action completed.</p> <p>Cllr JB said that it has not been feasible to move the picnic benches in John Gundry Play Area to the Village Green.</p>	

Graham Styles

Minutes agreed: Chairman

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	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM MEETING ON 24th JULY 2023 (Cont.)</p> <p>Trees – the two tree reports provided by DC have been sent to Bridport Town Council – Action completed.</p> <p>Fields in Trust – The Clerk confirmed that the end of the process is near as the four Deeds of Dedication have now been received from FiT. These are with Cllr JB to have signed and witnessed. Action completed.</p>		
1	<p>MAIN BUSINESS</p> <p>Nature Reserves</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jellyfields Nature Reserve - Cllr GS reported that the bench has been repaired by the Lengthsman and is now usable and paths are clear. Cllr GS noticed an overhanging branch at the far end, near the gate onto Lower Walditch Lane – however this for now only needs monitoring rather than removing. ● Bothenhampton Nature Reserve – Cllr GS reported that the steps leading up to Valley Road behind the lime kiln have been repaired by DC, thanks to the intervention of our Volunteer Footpaths Officer (VFO). The VFO has agreed to keep an eye on these and other steps in the future. <p>The information panel is still to be provided by DIGS and the “No Fires” banner along the side of the main path up has been taken away.</p> <p>Cllr JB said that he had heard that Dorset Council is going to lease the Nature Reserves to BTC rather than transfer them. Cllr GS to ascertain whether this is the case and what this will mean for the management plans.</p> <p>It was agreed to review again the management plans for both the nature reserves at the final meeting on 22nd January.</p>		
2	<p>John Holt Play Area</p> <p>Cllr GS reported KH (Ken Hussey) is liaising with BTC about the removal of the old football goals and the installation of the new ones (<i>note: since the meeting, the old goals have been removed</i>). Cllr GS will chase. Two of the three old picnic benches have been installed at Bothenhampton New Church. Cllr GS said that there is a dead tree in the corner of the play area which he has asked BTC to remove (following a request from a nearby resident) (<i>note: since the meeting, the tree has been removed</i>).</p>		

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3	<p>John Gundry Play Area</p> <p>Cllr JB confirmed that the new picnic benches have not been installed yet and that Cllr CA is liaising with BTC on this (<i>Note: since the meeting, the new benches have been installed</i>). Cllr GS reported that preservative had now apparently been applied to the wood-framed equipment.</p>		
4	<p>Lower Walditch Play Area</p> <p>Nothing to report other than mole hills in the grassy areas. The vandalized gate had been repaired at the time by KH (Ken Hussey). Cllr JB said that the vandalism reported earlier in 2023 appears to have ceased.</p>		
5	<p>Trees</p> <p>Cllr GS confirmed he had sent BTC the DC tree reports.</p>		
6	<p>Allotments</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>		
7	<p>Other OSPA Initiatives</p> <p>FiT – The Clerk to check whether a FiT notice or plaque needs to be installed in the four areas, and, if so, who will provide this.</p>	Clerk	
8	<p>AOB</p> <p>Cllr JB said that OSPA will need to draw up a list of outstanding issues that will be handed over to BTC in March 2024.</p> <p>Cllr GS reminded councillors of his holiday dates.</p>	Cllrs JB/GS	

Date of the next Open Spaces and Play Areas Sub-Committee Meeting: 22nd January 2024 at Ivy House, Bridport 2pm

SUMMARY OF AGREED ACTIONS – 11th OCTOBER 2022

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FiT - check whether a notice or plaque needs to be installed in the four areas, and if so – who will provide this.	Clerk	3
Outstanding Issues – draw up a list to hand over to BTC in March 2024	Cllrs JB & GS	3

ITEMS ROLLED OVER – 17th OCTOBER 2022

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None		

Tan Cox
Clerk to Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council

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RECOMMENDATIONS REFERRED TO F & F SUB-COMMITTEE &/OR T T & F SUB-COMMITTEE – 21st October 2022

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