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MINUTES OF OPEN SPACES AND PLAY AREAS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING
5TH MAY 2022 via Zoom, 10am

Initials:	Invited
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	
1	<p>MINUTES OF OSPA MEETING – 17th JANUARY 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Regarding costs for additional dog bin – ascertain costs for additional dog bin. A new dog bin has been installed and is being used. Action completed. ● Regarding Bothenhampton Nature Reserve signage – supply text to Clerk. It was agreed not to progress this matter until the transfer of the nature reserves has been completed. ● Regarding John Holt Play Area – speak to Lengthsman about gate and picnic tables. Action completed. ● Regarding John Gundry Play Area – Ramp for wheelchairs or people with mobility problems – Cllr JB to liaise with Cllr CA on this. Action completed. <p>RECOMMENDATIONS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE – Date</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● None 	

Minutes agreed:

Cllr Graham Styles

Chairman OSPA

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	<p>MINUTES OF OSPA MEETING – 17th JANUARY 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regarding working parties for nature reserves – Cllrs GS and EB to meet on 30th May 2022 to decide what work could be completed. (See 1 below). <p>RECOMMENDATIONS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE – Date</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 		
	<p>MAIN BUSINESS</p>		
1	<p>Nature Reserves:</p> <p>Jellyfields Nature Reserve</p> <p>Cllr GS confirmed that he has visited this nature reserve and did not notice any significant problems. Cllr JB said that the nature reserve path was very overgrown in the winter months and has now been cleared by Bridport Town Council.</p> <p>Bothenhampton Nature Reserve</p> <p>The new dog bin has now been affixed at the top entrance and is being well used. Cllr EB said that he walks in the reserve every day and can see no issues of concern.</p> <p>There was general agreement that when the transfer of the nature reserves has taken place, Bridport Town Council and the Parish Council will agree appropriate wording for signs that provide information to visitors (including ‘no BBQs’)</p> <p>Cllrs GS and EB will visit the site on 30th May with the VFO to identify work that could be done by the VFO and a group of volunteers.</p> <p>Cllr GS recalled the tragic death of two young people earlier in the year and said that an inquest is due around June 2022. There may be some fresh media interest during this time.</p>		
2	<p>John Holt Play Area</p> <p>Cllr GS referred to the Playground Inspector’s report (Ken Hussey) which again identifies the gate to the play area as needing attention. Cllr GS said that the spring in the gate needs replacing, and he will encourage the Lengthsman to talk to the Inspector about this.</p> <p>Cllr GS confirmed that two trees had been planted in the play area during March 2022, one of which is to commemorate the Jubilee. There was agreement that plaques displaying appropriate wording for the Jubilee should be purchased. See section 5 below.</p>	Cllr GS	

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2	<p>John Holt Play Area (cont.)</p> <p>Cllr GS confirmed that two new swings had been installed in the play area and children are using them.</p> <p>Cllr GS also confirmed that arrangements had been made to hold a BBQ in the Play Area on the 4th June 2022 to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.</p> <p>Cllr GS said he may soon need to mobilise another volunteer work party to weed ivy from the stone wall in Quarry Lane, alongside the play area.</p>		
3	<p>John Gundry Play Area</p> <p>Cllr GS referred to the Playground Inspector's report (Ken Hussey) and confirmed that there are no issues.</p> <p>Councillors referred to the outline plan provided by Cllr CA to redesign the play area and to his new suggestion of hiring a contractor to carry out the work.</p> <p>The Clerk will progress this with Cllr CA and identify a contractor (in addition to Ken Hussey) to carry out the redesign. It was suggested that the redesign might include getting rid of the bark altogether and using another surface material that would not need the constant raking and attention that bark does.</p>	Clerk	
4	<p>Lower Walditch Play Area</p> <p>Cllr GS referred to the Playground Inspector's report (Ken Hussey) and confirmed that there are no issues.</p> <p>Cllr GS said that the holes in the path have now been mended by PlayQuest. Fruit trees have been planted along the fence and new benches have been installed.</p>		
5	<p>Trees</p> <p>Plaques for the two trees to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. not commemorate</p> <p>The parish council has sought two quotes for plaques to accompany the trees purchased for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Parish Council will purchase two brass plaques from Bridport Foundry. The Clerk was asked to progress this and to obtain proofs and a date by which the plaques may be available.</p>	Clerk	

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5	<p>TREES</p> <p>Slades Green</p> <p>Cllr GS confirmed that he had visited the Slades Green site where the Parish Council had planted trees in 2021; there were no major issues to report.</p> <p>There was general agreement that councillors should keep a look out for new planting sites in the parish for November 2022.</p> <p>Howard Road Amenity Area</p> <p>Cllr JB suggested planting a hazel hedge at the bottom of the Howard Road Amenity Area. It was agreed that some form of consultation should take place with the residents of the area and Cllr JB agreed to draft out a form of words in order that the Clerk can have a leaflet printed up.</p> <p>Cllr JB also suggested a renaming of the area, perhaps to Queen Elizabeth II meadow, or similar. This could be included as a consultation element on the leaflet.</p>	Cllr JB/ Clerk	
6	<p>Allotments</p> <p>Cllr GS said he had nothing to report other than to keep an eye and ear open for potential sites and confirmed that there is still interest from the community in obtaining allotments as we have been contacted recently from a prospective allotment holder asking for a progress report. We had reassured the correspondent that this remained on our agenda, and that we remained on the lookout for potential sites.</p>		
7	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>Cllr JB confirmed that there will be a celebration on 5th June in Walditch to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. A tree has been procured by the Walditch Village Hall Committee and this will be planted in the garden adjacent to the Village Hall.</p>		

Date of the next Open Spaces and Play Areas Sub-Committee Meeting: 25th July 2022 at Ivy House, Bridport or via Zoom, 2pm.

SUMMARY OF AGREED ACTIONS – 5th MAY 2022

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John Holt Play Area Speak to the Lengthsman about spring in the gate to the play area.	Cllr GS	2
John Gundry Play Area The Clerk to progress the redesign of the play area with Cllr CA and identify a contractor (in addition to Ken Hussey) to carry out the redesign. Consideration should be given to getting rid of the bark altogether and using another surface material that would not need the constant raking and attention that bark does.	Cllr CA / Clerk	3
Trees Regarding the procurement of the plaques to accompany the trees purchased to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee – progress and obtain proofs and a date by which the plaques may be available.	Clerk	3
Trees Regarding the planting a hazel hedge at the bottom of the Howard Road Amenity Area. Draft out a form of words in order that the Clerk can have a leaflet printed up.	Cllr JB / Clerk	4
Consider the renaming of the area, perhaps to Queen Elizabeth II meadow, or similar and include as a consultation element on the leaflet.	Cllr JB / Clerk	4

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