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MINUTES OF OPEN SPACES AND PLAY AREAS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING
25TH JULY 2022 AT Ivy House, Bridport or via Zoom, 2pm

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

Ref			Papers
	Declaration of any pecuniary interests relating to items in the agenda: None		
	Apologies: Cllr Jim Basker		
1	<p>MINUTES OF OSPA MEETING – 5th MAY 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regarding John Holt Play Area – Cllr GS confirmed the Lengthsman and Ken Hussey (Playground Inspector) are in touch, with a view to finding a solution to the gate problem. Roll over • Regarding John Gundry Play Area – There was discussion around the prohibitive cost of the quote that Cllr CA obtained for resurfacing the Play Area to alleviate the need for bark. OSPA councillors asked whether other quotes could be sought. Cllr EB volunteered to assist Cllr CA in this if needed. The Clerk agreed to inform Cllr CA. Roll over. • Regarding Plaques for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee – the plaques have been purchased and affixed in the ground. However, because the stakes are smooth, they might come loose in the concrete. OSPA Cllr JB to check the Walditch stake as soon as practicable. 	<p>Clerk/ Cllr EB</p> <p>Cllr JB</p>	

Minutes agreed: Chairman

Ref	MAIN BUSINESS		Papers
4	<p>Lower Walditch Play Area</p> <p>Daffodil bulbs – the Lower Walditch Play Area Committee had notified the Parish Council of its intention to plant around 200 daffodil bulbs in the Autumn.</p> <p>Installation of awning - the Lower Walditch Play Area Committee had notified the Parish Council that they would like to erect an awning. Cllr JB had asked the Lower Walditch Play Area Committee Chair (Jan Parker) on 11th July for more detail on the design, size and material of the awning; no response has yet been received.</p>		
5	<p>Trees</p> <p>Cllr GS noted that the Slades Green were suffering in the recent heat-wave weather. He confirmed that a resident group waters the trees. Cllr GS also said he had removed some of the long grass from around the trees (although this has since been cut).</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk will approach Derek Smith and ask him to keep the grass clear from around the base of the trees to about 1 metre.</p>		
6	<p>Allotments</p> <p>Cllr GS confirmed that there is nothing new to report</p>		
7	<p>OTHER OSPA INITIATIVES</p> <p>HOWARD ROAD proposal for renaming amenity area and planting hazel fencing – see page 1.</p> <p>FIELDS IN TRUST the proposal to place two play areas (John Holt and John Gundry), Howard Road Amenity Area and Walditch Village Green into a conservation trust. Clerk had forwarded aerial photographs and Land Registry details to councillors to aid discussions.</p> <p>OSPA were broadly in favour of the move. The Clerk to put onto Main Committee Agenda for formal approval in September.</p>		
8	<p>AOB</p> <p>There being no AOB the meeting ended at 3.10pm</p>		

Date of the next Open Spaces and Play Areas Sub-Committee Meeting: 17th October 2022 at Ivy House, Bridport or via Zoom, 2pm.

SUMMARY OF AGREED ACTIONS – 25th JULY 2022

Action	Owner	Page
Plaques for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Check the Walditch plaque stake to see if it is solid in the concrete as soon as practicable	Cllr JB	1
Jellyfield Nature Reserve - replace dog fouling sign	Cllr GS	2
Bothenhampton Nature Reserve – contact DC Tree Team to carry out survey and work as necessary.	Clerk	2
John Holt Play Area - Response to resident regarding kit box – email decision to other councillors for their views. Write a letter explaining the parish council's decision and send to the resident in due course.	Clerk Cllr GS	3
Play Area Furniture - Obtain quotes for tables and chairs for both play areas, preferably of a millboard construction that will negate the need for continually treating with chemical preservatives.	Clerk	3
John Gundry Play Area – Football Pitch Goals inspect goals and goal mouths.	Cllr EB	4
Trees – Slades Green - contact Derek Smith to remove the grass from around the base of the trees to about 1 metre.	Clerk	4
Fields in Trust – ensure OSPA approval reflected in Main Committee Agenda for September.	Clerk	5

ITEMS ROLLED OVER – 25th JULY 2022

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Bike Survey (following the 'Village Green' event on 26th March) and possible siting of secure storage shelter in the play area. Cllr GS said a survey of Main Street residents on bike use had established the play area as the preferred site for the siting of a possible bike shelter. However, Cllr GS made clear that there are several other options. Cllr GS said that he had obtained a quote for the shelter and that this came out at over £5000. Cllr GS added that much is still needed to be done on this issue, including seeking police advice on security and location. He also pointed out that, unlike the kit box, any bike shelter would be a Parish Council initiative, sited (potentially) on Parish Council land, for the use of the community.	Cllr GS	3

RECOMMENDATIONS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE – 12th September 2022

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Fields in Trust – ensure OSPA approval reflected in Main Committee Agenda for September.	5

RECOMMENDATIONS REFERRED TO F & F SUB-COMMITTEE – 29th July 2022

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John Gundry Play Area redesign – OSPA councillors asked whether other quotes could be sought. Cllr EB volunteered to assist in this if needed. The Clerk agreed to inform Cllr CA.	1
Valley View Amenity Area – hazel hedge and renaming costs	2
Bothenhampton Nature Reserve – DC tree survey costs and work on dead/dying trees.	2
John Holt Play Area – Possible Bike Shelter – quotes around £6k although some monies will be raised locally.	3
John Gundry and John Holt Play Areas – Replacement of Play Area furniture	4
Fields in Trust – costs of transferring to charity	5

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None	