



NOTES OF THE AMENITIES SITE MEETINGS OF THE MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL ON FRIDAY 4TH APRIL 2025

PRESENT

Cllrs Boswell, Rabot and Tippen. Cllrs Summersgill, Newton, the Deputy Clerk and the Village Caretaker were also in attendance.

Apologies: Cllr Dobinson as an Amenities Councillor.

Absent: Cllr Turner.

PLAYING FIELD AT 9.00AM

Issues raised by Caretaker

There were no issues to report from the Caretaker.

Changing Room

There were no issues to discuss regarding the Changing Room.

Playing Field Play Area

The area was inspected by Cllrs. Following the Annual Play Inspection, the Deputy Clerk reported that a contractor had been contacted about replacing the platforms on the Multiplay unit (Photo 1.). It was also noted that there were a few areas of wet pour that had cracked and the Deputy Clerk would ask the contractor to look at whether they needed filling in at this point.

Napoleon Drive Play Area and Open Space

There were no issues to report on the Play Area. The Caretaker had fixed the baton to the fencing at the entrance. Cllrs viewed the railings and asked the Deputy Clerk to look at whether the Caretaker could screw in reflective plastic strips. The Clerks would ask the contractor to keep on top of the vegetation management in the area and be mindful of the saplings planted in the area. The Deputy Clerk would contact the contractor to look at the lifting wet pour and remedy (Photo 2.).

Trees

There were no issues to report on trees at the Playing Field or Napoleon Drive area.

Boundary and General Playing Field Open Space

There were no issues to report on the boundary or general playing field open space.

Youth Shelter

No new issues to report.

Rookery Path

The Deputy Clerk would ask the Caretaker to keep on top of the vegetation overgrowing on Rookery Path. The plan was to at first trim 1 meter back from the path.

The Playing Field meeting ended at 9.30am.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES AT 9.30AM

Issues raised by Caretaker

There were no issues raised by the Caretaker.

Cleaning

Both the Ladies and Gents toilets continue to be cleaned to a high standard.

Building inspection (internal and external)

Cllrs Newton and Rabot checked the new tap but this still needs to be replaced in the cubicle of the Men's toilet. The Deputy Clerk would chase the Caretaker. Cllr Boswell checked the Ladies toilet and asked that the bolts on both toilets be made easier to slide across. Cllr Tippen asked that the timers be adjusted following the clocks going forward.

CAR PARK

There were no issues to report in the car park.

The Public Conveniences meeting finished at 9.45am

SOUTHONS FIELD AT 9.50AM

Issues raised by Caretaker

There were no issues raised by the Caretaker.

Review of the Field and Trees

Cllrs viewed the field and trees. There were no issues to report.

Review of Pavilion and Sheds

The guttering had been fixed. The Caretaker has still yet to saw off the metal studs following the take down of the old shed. The metal shed was discussed and Cllrs recommended that storage on Southons Field (and Cemetery) be put onto a future Amenities agenda.

Play Equipment

There were no issues to report on the play equipment on Southons Field. The Deputy Clerk informed Cllrs that the missing log step for the play trail had been delivered and the Caretaker would be installing shortly.

Other

There were a few picnic benches that had been vandalised and the Deputy Clerk would report to the Caretaker to check all benches and fix those which were broken (Photo 3.). Cllr Boswell reported that had been access made from the BT Exchange. The Deputy Clerk would speak to the Clerk about contacting them.

The Southons Field meeting finished at 10.00am

CEMETERY AT 10.00AM

Issues raised by Caretaker

There were no issues raised by the Caretaker.

Monitor Soil Waste

Cllrs viewed the soil waste area following the recent burials. The Clerks are seeking three quotes from Contractors to take to the next Amenities Committee Meeting. The Deputy Clerk was taking photos to show the tight vehicle access.

New Section (Section 4)

Graves (Headstone only)

There had been a recent funeral but there were no new issues to report on this area.

Other

Bollards

The Cllrs viewed the new bollards that had been installed.

The Cemetery meeting finished at 10.30am



Photo 1.

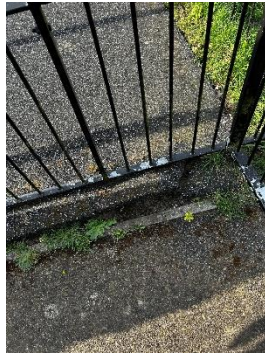


Photo 2.



Photo 3.