



NOTES OF THE AMENITIES SITE MEETINGS OF THE MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL ON FRIDAY 12TH APRIL AND SATURDAY 13TH APRIL 2024

CEMETERY

Friday 12th April at 10am

Present: Cllrs Boswell, Newton, Rabot and Tippen. The Deputy Clerk and Ian Jones, Cemetery Caretaker were also in attendance.

Apologies: Cllrs Robertson and Summersgill gave their apologies.

ITEMS DISCUSSED

Issues raised by Caretaker

The Caretaker raised that one of the memorials that was wobbly from the Memorial Safety Testing conducted by the Deputy Clerk and Cllr Newton needed to be laid down. This was done at the Site Meeting and the Deputy Clerk added signage.

Monitor Soil Waste

Cllrs viewed the soil waste area and agreed that removal in the Spring/Summer. The Clerks will approach the Contractor and seek others who have a waste licence. The correct vehicle would be needed. It was also agreed that in future another skip would be required to clear away left over debris.

New Section (Section 4)

Graves (Headstone only)

Cllrs viewed the area. The Caretaker continues to mow between the graves. Those graves that have been informed that no kerbstone is allowed will not be trimmed by the Caretaker.

Other

Bollards/Post

Now that the memorial had been put in place, the Clerks will order the bollards and get the Caretakers to install.

Cremated Remains

Cllrs viewed the area and agreed that some of the heathers were growing out of control. The Clerks would visit the Cemetery again to discuss what heathers need removing (Photo 1).

Memorial Testing

The Deputy Clerk showed Cllrs some of the memorials that had failed the Memorial Safety Testing. The Clerks would visit separately and agree a plan to make the memorials safe (Photo 2).

The Cemetery meeting finished at 10.32am

SOUTHONS FIELD

Friday 12th April at 10.30am

Present: Cllrs Boswell, Newton, Rabot and Tippen. The Deputy Clerk was in attendance.

ITEMS DISCUSSED

Issues raised by Caretaker

The Caretaker was not in attendance for this meeting.

Review of the Field and Trees

Cllrs viewed the field and trees. The grass was very long and it was agreed that the Contractor would need to start mowing very soon. The Clerks would contact them and find out a start date. There were no issues to report on the trees.

Review of Pavilion and Sheds

Cllrs looked at the Pavilion and agreed that the wood would need preserving. The Deputy Clerk would ask the Caretaker and add it to the Caretakers To Do List. Cllrs viewed the shed next to the Pavilion and agreed that it should be dismantled. This would be done when the skip was ordered to dispose of it.

Play Trail

There were no issues to report on the Play Trail.

Other

Goals

Cllr Boswell updated Cllrs on the issues with the goal posts. The Deputy Clerk was ordering two new goals. It was agreed that the goal posts be added to the Caretaker's play inspection to make sure they were safe for children to use.

The Southons Field meeting finished at 11.04am

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Saturday 13th April at 9.30am

Present: Cllrs Boswell, Newton, Rabot, Robertson, Turner and Tippen. The Deputy Clerk was also in attendance.

Apologies: Cllrs Adam, Besant and Summersgill gave their apologies.

ITEMS DISCUSSED

Cllrs raised that the Ken Rhodes bench outside the Library needs another rub down and treatment as it is looking scruffy.

Issues raised by Caretaker

There was no Caretaker in attendance.

Cleaning

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

Building inspection (internal and external)

Inside the ladies toilets, there is a loose door handle to one of the cubicles and the lock is not securing. In the men's toilets, the tap in the cubicle leaks and has been turned off (Photo 3). There is no heat coming out of the hand dryer in the Men's toilets (Photo 4). There is a light out in the Men's toilets (Photo 5). The lock on the men's internal toilet door needs fixing (Photo 6 and 7). There is also some graffiti on the door that needs removing (Photo 8). There has been some anti-social behaviour in the toilet as the toilet roll dispenser (which is suppose to be anti-vandal!) has been emptied and kicked off the wall (see Photo 9). A new one will be ordered by the Clerks. Both external doors need rubbing down and are deteriorating badly. The timer on the outside lights needs to be changed following the clocks going forward. These issues will be raised with the Caretaker and added to the Caretaker's To Do List. Cllrs also requested that the back windows of the toilets be cleaner by the Contractor.

The Public Convenience meeting finished at 9.54am

CAR PARK

Cllr Tippen requested the Deputy Clerk contacts MBC with regard to a litter pick and a tidy up of the boundary of the Library car park.

PLAYING FIELD

Saturday 13th April at 9.45am

Present: Cllrs Boswell, Newton, Rabot, Robertson, Turner and Tippen. The Deputy Clerk was also in attendance.

ITEMS DISCUSSED

Issues raised by Caretaker

There was no Caretaker in attendance.

Rookery Court Entrance

Whilst the fencing is still wobbly at Rookery Court entrance, there has been communication received from HML and this will be added to the Amenities Committee Meeting in May 2024.

Changing Room

There were no further issues to discuss regarding the Changing Room.

Playing Field Play Area

The area was inspected by Cllrs. There was a resident who raised that the multiplay area net had come loose (Photo 10). The Deputy Clerk would let the Caretaker know so that this can be tightened up. Cllr Tippen requested that the two gates be painted red. Cllrs agreed that the signage be updated and that a more robust "No Dogs" sign be added to the gates after they were painted. As suggested on the Annual Play Inspection, there would be signage added to the Sports Wall and the Cllrs agreed on the location. There needs to be further work on the Sports Wall area to make sure all the grass and earth that is encroaching on the concrete be scrapped back. Cllrs requested this be done by 31st May 2024 by the Caretaker.

Napoleon Drive Play Area and Open Space

Cllrs met with residents regarding the location of a memorial bench. Cllrs agreed the location and the residents would purchase the bench (Photo 11). The Clerks would be informed on the installation date. Some of the whips around the play area had died so the Caretaker needs to remove the plastic casings. There were a lot of brambles over near the Napoleon Drive entrance. This area is untidy and would need to be cut back (Photos 12 and 13). A baton had worked its way loose and the Cllrs requested that it be removed (Photo 12). The Deputy Clerk would add to the Caretaker's To Do List. The black fencing near the play area needs a rub down and a paint. Cllrs requested that the Deputy Clerk asks the Community Payback team for assistance with this.

Trees

There were no issues reported regarding trees on Marden Playing Field.

Boundary and General Playing Field Open Space

Cllrs viewed the field and boundary and asked the Contractor be contacted to start gang mowing.

Youth Shelter

Cllrs inspected the shelter and asked that the graffiti be removed (Photo 14). Cllr Boswell also asked that the bin near the shelter be cleaned and graffiti be removed (Photo 15). The Deputy Clerk would add to the Caretaker's To Do List.

Rookery Path

The pathway had areas of encroachment from earth on the verge (Photo 16). Cllrs asked that the Community Payback team be enlisted to help with this. The Deputy Clerk would contact the Co-ordinator Cllrs also requested that the Caretaker now strims back 1 metre of vegetation and cut back a number of brambles were overhanging the path and these would need to be removed at the root to be prevented from growing back (Photo 17). Cllrs also requested some rubbish be cleared (Photo 18). The Deputy Clerk would add to the Caretaker's To Do List.

It was agreed at the end of the Site Meeting that the Saturday Site Meeting be proposed to take place during the week so that the Caretaker could attend. This would be added to the May Amenities Committee Meeting so that new Cllrs can discuss and decide.

The Playing Field meeting ended at 10.55am.



Photo 1.



Photo 2.



Photo 3.



Photo 4.



Photo 5.



Photo 6.



Photo 7.



Photo 8.



Photo 9.



Photo 10.



Photo 11.



Photo 12.



Photo 13.



Photo 14.



Photo 15.



Photo 16.



Photo 17.



Photo 18.