



NOTES OF THE AMENITIES SITE MEETINGS OF THE MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL ON THURSDAY 7TH NOVEMBER AND FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2024

CEMETERY

Thursday 7th November at 9.00am

Present: Cllrs Boswell, Newton, Summersgill and Tippen. The Deputy Clerk and Cllr Dobinson were also in attendance

Apologies: Cllr Rabot and the Cemetery Caretaker gave their apologies.

Absent: Cllr Turner

ITEMS DISCUSSED

Issues raised by Caretaker

There was no caretakers in attendance..

Monitor Soil Waste

Cllrs viewed the soil waste area. It was agreed at the last Site Meeting that the soil waste would be removed Spring/Summer 2025. The Clerks were seeking three quotes from Contractors to take to the Amenities Committee Meeting.

New Section (Section 4)

Graves (Headstone only)

Cllrs viewed the area. There is one grave that continues to decorate the area in front of the headstone when this area is headstone only. The Clerk continues to contact them to ask them to refrain from this.

Other

Bollards/Post

The Caretaker will be installing the bollards but was cautious of the location. Cllrs viewed the area and the Deputy Clerk took a photo to show where Cllrs would like the bollards installed. Cllrs requested the Caretaker to use his best judgement.

Memorial Testing

The Deputy Clerk, Cllrs Newton and Summersgill would be installing the wooden stakes from Monday 11th November.

The Cemetery meeting finished at 9.30am

SOUTHONS FIELD

Thursday 7th November at 9.30am

Present: Cllrs Boswell, Newton, Rabot and Tippen. The Deputy Clerk, the Village Caretaker and Cllr Dobinson were also in attendance.

Apologies: Cllr Rabot sent his apologies.

Absent: Cllr Turner

ITEMS DISCUSSED

Issues raised by Caretaker

The guttering at the Pavilion was coming down and this was due to a missing baton. The Caretaker would fix this and make the guttering good. The old shed had been removed from the hardstanding. The Caretaker would remove some metal studs in the ground. The metal shed was discussed. Cllrs agreed for it to be taken to the next Amenities Committee Meeting to be agreed to be added to the Infrastructure Spend Plan as a new project.

Review of the Field and Trees

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

Review of Pavilion and Sheds

No new issues to report.

Play Trail

There had been a piece of the play trail that had been removed due to the wood rotting in the ground. Cllrs requested that the Deputy Clerk seek costings for a replacement.

Other

There were no other issues to report.

The Southons Field meeting finished at 10.00am

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Friday 8th November at 9.00am

Present: Cllrs Boswell, Rabot, Summersgill and Tippen. The Deputy Clerk and Village Caretaker were also in attendance.

Apologies: There were no apologies.

Absent: Cllrs Gibson, Newton and Turner.

ITEMS DISCUSSED

The tree in the MBC car park has now been removed. However, there were trunks left and Cllrs asked the Deputy Clerk to contact them to ask them whether they can be removed (Photo 1).

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)

A new tap would be purchased for the Men's toilet cubicle sink. This would be added to the Caretaker's To Do List.

The Public Convenience meeting finished at 9.15am

CAR PARK

There were no issues to report in the car park.

PLAYING FIELD

Friday 8th November at 9.15am

Present: Cllrs Boswell, Rabot, Summersgill and Tippen. The Deputy Clerk and Village Caretaker were also in attendance.

Apologies: There were no apologies.

Absent: Cllrs Gibson, Newton and Turner.

ITEMS DISCUSSED

Issues raised by Caretaker

The only issues raised by the Caretaker was that the Mowing Contractor mows a wider area to include the bottom of the field past the footpath. The Deputy Clerk would discuss with the Clerk (Photo 4).

Changing Room

There were no issues to discuss regarding the Changing Room.

Playing Field Play Area

The area was inspected by Cllrs. There were no new issues to report on the Playing Field Play Area.

Napoleon Drive Play Area and Open Space

There were no issues to report on the Play Area. The Caretaker will fix the baton to the fencing at the entrance.

Trees

There was a Cherry Tree between the Napoleon Drive Area and the Playing Field that had died and the Caretaker requested that it was taken down. The Deputy Clerk would add this to the Amenities Committee Meeting agenda for agreement (Photo 5). There was also a Hawthorn tree that Cllrs asked the Caretaker to remove as it was close to another tree (Photo 2).

Boundary and General Playing Field Open Space

Cllrs viewed the field and boundary. There was an encroaching hedge that was blocking the footpath over near the Sutton Court side of the Playing Field (Photo 3). The Deputy Clerk would raise with the Clerk on the next steps.

Youth Shelter

Cllrs inspected the shelter and there were no new issues to report.

Rookery Path

The path was inspected by Cllrs and there were no new issues report.

The Playing Field meeting ended at 10.00am.



Photo 1.



Photo 2.



Photo 3.



Photo 4.



Photo 5.