



NOTES OF THE AMENITIES SITE MEETINGS OF THE MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL ON FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER AND SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2023

CEMETERY

Friday 13th October at 10am

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

ITEMS DISCUSSED

Issues raised by Caretaker

The Caretaker raised that the graves in the New Area are moving over slightly. The Deputy Clerk would raise with the Clerk. The Caretaker also pointed out a new tree that had planted itself near an older poorly tree that will be monitored.

Monitor Soil Waste

Cllrs viewed the soil waste area and agreed that it would be left over the Winter period. The area would be viewed again at the April Site Meetings and a decision would be made for possible removal in the Spring/Summer.

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

The Clerk had raised that there was a need for some kind of obstruction to prevent vehicles mounting the grass area possibly damaging graves and memorials in the Children's Section. Cllrs viewed this area and discussed possible options. It was felt that bollards would not work. Cllr Rabot proposed the idea of garden planters. The Deputy Clerk asked if Cllr Rabot could provide her with a link to an example.

Miscellaneous

Cllrs asked if the brambles and wire boundary be removed near the gate in order for access to the additional Cemetery land. The Deputy Clerk would add to the Caretaker's To Do List. Cllrs requested that the installation of a water tap be added to the next Amenities Committee meeting. The Deputy Clerk would add to the agenda. Cllrs discussed with the Cemetery Caretaker about purchasing a new metal wheelbarrow and the Clerks would order. Cllr Besant raised that could the Cemetery Caretaker shed be used as temporary storage for the saplings that would be delivered from KCC. Cllr Newton offered his garage which would be more suitable. Cllrs agreed.

The Cemetery meeting finished at 10.32am

SOUTHONS FIELD

Friday 13th October at 10.30am

Present: Cllrs Boswell, Newton, Rabot, Robertson 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. Cllrs requested that the Deputy Clerk add to the Caretaker's To Do List a removal of a tree branch (Photo 1) and for a poorly young tree to be removed (Photo 2).

Review of Pavilion and Sheds

Cllrs looked at the recent work done at the Pavilion and agreed that the wood would need preserving. The guttering would also need some work so the Deputy Clerk would add this to the Caretaker's To Do List (Photo 3). Cllr Tippen requested that some rubbish towards the door would need to be removed (Photo 4). The roof on the shed was starting to bow in the middle (Photo 5) and there seem to be some rotting of the wood at the bottom of both the shed and Pavilion (Photo 6). The Deputy Clerk would ask the Caretaker to take a look.

Play Trail

There were no issues to report on the Play Trail.

Other

Southons Field Gate Signage

Cllrs viewed the signage on the new gate and agreed that it was kept as it is. When the sign deteriorates and a new one is needed, the wording will be adjusted. The Deputy Clerk will update the signage in the noticeboard and make it larger.

The Southons Field meeting finished at 11.04am

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Saturday 14th October 2023 at 9.30am

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

ITEMS DISCUSSED

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)

The tap on the sink in the Ladies toilet was loose and the flusher in the Ladies toilet closest to the entrance needs tightening up. Although the Deputy Clerk had added these jobs to the Caretaker's To Do List, she would chase the Caretaker. There was still no heat coming out of the hand dryer in the Gents toilet. The Deputy Clerk would ask the Caretaker to take a look. The Deputy Clerk would get a Contractor to investigate. A bulb needed replacing in the Men's toilet and the top locks of both the Ladies and Gents doors would need oiling. Cllrs Besant and Newton reported some graffiti in the Men's toilet (Photos 8, 9 and 10). The Deputy Clerk would add to the Caretaker's To Do List.

Upon reviewing the building externally, Cllrs requested that the Caretaker clears the gutter around the building to prevent leaks and to fix it where it was dropping in the middle and on the corner (Photos 11 and 12).

The Public Convenience meeting finished at 9.54am

CAR PARK

Cllr Tippen requested the Deputy Clerk contacts MBC with regard to a tree safety survey of the Library car park.

PLAYING FIELD

Saturday 14th October 2023 at 9.45am

Present: Cllrs Adam, Besant, Boswell, Ian Newton, Robertson and Tippen. The Deputy Clerk was also in attendance.

ITEMS DISCUSSED

Issues raised by Caretaker

There was no Caretaker in attendance.

Rookery Court Entrance

Cllrs viewed the gates either side of the Rookery Court entrance and requested the Clerks contact the developer/management company about fixing the loose posts (Photo 13).

Changing Room

Cllrs looked at the changing rooms externally as they had been a meeting with the architects with Cllrs Besant, Tippen and the Deputy Clerk prior to the Site Meeting. Cllrs raised the issue of the sunken pathway (Photos 14 and 15). The Deputy Clerk took photos and would raise with the Clerk. Cllrs requested that research of what is underneath and to see what the ground looks like after strimming behind the Changing Rooms. The Clerks would investigate and research the history.

Playing Field Play Area

The area was inspected by Cllrs. The Deputy Clerk would chase the Contractor about the bridge on the Multiplay unit and chase about the replacement net. Cllr Newton raised that some of the wet pour was cracking over near the swings (Photo 16). The Deputy Clerk would monitor and check with the Contractor. The equipment also would need a clean and a possible paint. This would be added to the Caretaker's To Do List in the Winter. The grass encroaching on the Sports Wall would need to be cleared back (already on the Caretaker's To Do List).

Napoleon Drive Play Area and Open Space

Cllrs viewed the area. The play area sign would need to be reinstalled. There were a lot of brambles over hanging that would need to be cut back (Photo 17). A baton had worked its way loose and the Cllrs requested that it be removed (Photo 24). The Deputy Clerk would add to the Caretaker's To Do List.

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 that the encroaching grass on the pathway around the field be removed. There were also some brambles growing over near Sutton Court side that would need to be removed (Photo 18). Cllrs requested that KCC be contacted about the deterioration of the pathway (Photo 19).

Youth Shelter

Cllrs inspected the shelter and asked that the graffiti be removed (Photos 20). Cllr Adam also asked that the damage be looked at in the corner of the shelter to see if it could be fixed (Photo 21). The Deputy Clerk would add to the Caretaker's To Do List.

Rookery Path

There were a number of trees and saplings that Cllr Boswell would like to stay so these should be marked out in order for the Caretaker's to strim around them. A number of brambles were overhanging the path and would need to be removed (Photo 22). Cllr Adam also requested that a piece

of concrete be removed from the side of the path (Photo 23). Cllrs recommended that the edges of the pathway be cleared of grass and earth to make sure it stays its maximum width. The Deputy Clerk would add to the Caretaker's To Do List.

The Playing Field meeting ended at 11.03am.



Photo 1.



Photo 2.



Photo 3.



Photo 4.



Photo 5.



Photo 6.



Photo 8.



Photo 9.



Photo 10.



Photo 11.



Photo 12.



Photo 13.



Photo 14.



Photo 15.



Photo 16.



Photo 17.



Photo 18.



Photo 19.



Photo 20.



Photo 21.



Photo 22.



Photo 23.



Photo 24.