



## W E S T B E R G H O L T P A R I S H C O U N C I L

### Environment & Highways Report

Sub-committee Meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2014 in John Lampon Hall

Councillors present	Harry Stone, Murray Harlow, Jenny Church, Phil Walby, Rosemary James, Rachel Howard
Apologies	

John Gili Ross joined for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the meeting.

1	<b>Chair of this sub-committee</b> David Short has resigned from the Parish Council. All members wish to pass on their grateful appreciation for all the work he has done for this sub-committee and the Council as a whole over many years. He will be greatly missed and we wish him well. Harry Stone has agreed to take on the role of Chair until the end of this Parish year.	Agenda item
2	<b>Village handyman</b> A contract for 8 hours work per week has been agreed with Steve. A schedule of work has been devised for Ivor Beckwith on an 'as and when' basis.	Agenda item
3	<b>Hedge cutting</b> Arrangements are in hand for hedge cutting in the autumn. Murray will deal with this.	MH
4	<b>Overgrown footpath</b> The footpath from the Brewery site to Armoury Road has become overgrown. Phil will arrange for the Highway Rangers to deal with this.	PW
5	<b>MUGA</b> The security lock to the tennis courts has been vandalised several times. Unlawful entry to the courts has occurred. Harry will refer this problem to the West Bergholt Sports Club committee.	HS
6	<b>Hedging along New Church Road</b> Gaps in the hedging need refilling. Harry will discuss this with Ivor Beckwith	HS
7	<b>Salt Bags</b> Need to check with Val that the salt bags have been ordered. Rachel will do this.	RH
8	<b>Community litter pick</b> Rachel to plan this for October. She will contact "Keep Britain tidy" for information.	RH/JC Agenda Item
9	<b>Inspection of play equipment</b> The inspection report has arrived and there are a few low risk areas and one medium risk area. Phil will follow up the reported risks.	PW

10	<b>Maintenance of village ponds.</b> Harry and Jenny will talk with David Short to find out the arrangements for this.	HS & JC
11	<b>Traffic Safety Plan</b> John Gili Ross has composed a letter to be sent to Highways. All committee members agreed with the first option regarding yellow lines at road junctions.	JGR Agenda Item
12	<b>Pot holes in Armoury Road</b> Pot holes and overhanging hedges are a problem. This road has been adopted by Colchester Borough Council. Perhaps the Rangers can be asked to deal with the hedging. Harry will discuss this problem with Val.	HS
13	<b>Allotments</b> The hedging on the inside of the fencing will be trimmed by Ivor Beckwith. Some allotment plots are not being maintained very well Harry will discuss this with the allotment committee.	HS
14	<b>Methodist Church grounds</b> A request has been received from the Methodist Church for assistance from Parish Council to tidy up the graveyards and grounds. It is agreed that when we make annual donations we can offer them cash for them to deal with the task or the assistance from our handy man at the equivalent cost of the donation	Agenda item
15	<b>Dog bins in Pocket Park</b> There is a problem with dog bins on this Brewery site. We need to ask Val to contact Colchester Borough Homes.	RH & Val.
16	<b>List of contacts and Information</b> Information and contact lists from each sub-committee would be most useful.	HS Agenda item
	<b>Date of next meeting - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 4pm in JL Hall</b>	