



WEST BERGHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

Environment & Highways Report

Working Party Meeting held on Thursday 14th November 2013 John Lampon Hall

Councillors present	Murray Harlow, Rachel Young, Rosemary James, Jenny Church, Harry Stone, Phil Walby
Apologies	David Short

Harry Stone chaired this meeting

1	Chairperson of this working party	
	David has indicated that he wishes to resign as Chair of this meeting although will still keep an active role on the council, particularly as mentor to Gary and as TPO officer. Harry stated that he did not feel able to accept the role of Chair permanently. This situation will be discussed in more detail at the end of this meeting.	
2	Traffic Safety Plan	
	Discussions have taken place at a Special PC meeting with residents of New Church Road. The outcome of the decision taken is now in the hands of ECC Highways. The PC will continue liaising with the school to find other methods of improving safety around the school.	HS Agenda item
3	Handy man work schedule	
	It has been arranged that the transport of heavy equipment by the two handymen will be resolved by Steve using a trailer on the tow bar of his vehicle.	
4	Armoury Road.	
	Brian Butcher has reported back on progress on the drainage problem at the property at the junction of Armoury Road and Colchester Road. He will keep the PC updated.	BB Agenda item
5	Allotments	
	At an Allotment meeting it was decided to increase the rents next year to £16 for a plot and £10 for concessions A shed on the allotments for storing the rotovator is being erected. It had been agreed to charge plot holders for the use of the rotovator.	Agenda item

6	Poors Land	
	<p>The contractors have reinstated the land at the top end of the field. The posts that were damaged by them are not considered a fair replacement and more substantial ones are required.</p> <p>The area at the entrance to the field has been churned up during the firework display. It has been agreed that the footpath the PC installed along the south side of the field will be extended to reach the foot path to the school on the heath to prevent anyone having to walk into the road.</p>	<p>PW</p> <p>DS & PW Agenda item</p>
7	Newbridge Hill.	
	<p>Val has contacted the bus companies which are using Chitts Hill. JR Executive have replied and stated that their vehicle is less the 7.5 tons and therefore is not in breach of traffic signs. We wait to hear from Beestons</p>	Val
8	Snow Patrol	
	<p>The quote for a grit spreader has been acquired - £217. This seems a reasonable price and the working party agreed to purchase this.</p> <p>Proposed to ask Bob Tyrrell if he would act as coordinator for the "Snow Patrol" this winter as Harry has too much on at this time.</p>	HS & BT
9.	Health and Safety	
	<p>Major health and safety issues have been resolved. Work is in progress on low risk issues but this is dependent on weather conditions.</p>	PW
10	Ponds	
	<p>Clearance of the ponds has been completed. Norhurst has been contacted regarding clearing the debris. One tree by the Queens Head pond has been felled as this was in a dangerous state.</p>	DS
11	Hedge and verge cutting	
	<p>Hedge cutting has been carried out by Landscape Services with good results. Thanks to be given to Mervyn Donnelly for assisting with sweeping pavements.</p>	HS
12	Storm damage	
	<p>Tree branches fallen in the storm have been dealt with by Gary. Larger problem trees have been dealt with by tree surgeon.</p>	DS
13	Chairperson of this Working Party	
	<p>To discuss with David the different responsibilities of this group and devolve roles to individual members and then seek to appoint a new chairperson.</p>	ALL
	Date of next meeting - to be notified	