



WEST BERGHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

Environment & Highways Report

Working Party Meeting held on Thursday 12th June 2014 in John Lampon Hall

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

1	War memorial	
	Rosemary awaiting quotes from stonemasons for a war memorial for the village proposed to be sited by village sign. Still no response regarding memorial on Brewery site.	RJ
2	Traffic Safety Plan	
	Red areas applied to ends of New Church Road. Loose chippings need clearing. No new information on yellow line installation.	Agenda item
3	Allotments	
	Allotments will be "open" as part of Open Gardens in the village on June 22 nd Some grass areas need trimming.	HS
4	Poors Land	
	Surfacing for short footpath area from Poors Land to Heathlands will need pricing. Proposed to use rubber matting type surfacing.	DS
5	New Church Road	
	Part of hedging on Village Green, abutting New Church Road has had gaps made in it. This needs reinstating - to investigating free hedging plants from CBC. To ask Val to communicate with parents of school children ask that children are controlled prior to school opening and not playing in the hedging and damaging it.	DS & Val
6	Beacon	
	The beacon has been sited by MUGA. Need to arrange for a plaque to be designed and ordered.	DS

7.	Any Other Business	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Methodist Chapel has asked for assistance to keep graveyard and surrounding area of Chapel tidied. David will ask if Steve can do additional hours and if agreed at PC we will arrange for clearing and tidying as a one off arrangement. b) MUGA security - Investigate use of plastic sheeting to prevent unwanted/unofficial entry to MUGA. c) Cherry Tree behind football club. A resident has asked if the trees can be pruned as they are obscuring light to his garden - to investigate if there is a problem with the trees. d) Grass verges on Albany Road are overgrown. The verges are the responsibility of CBC who are currently using a reduced programme of work. e) Footpath problem - the footpath that is an alleyway from Lexden Road (opposite the Scout Hut) leading to fields has been littered with a large mass of shrub cuttings. These have been removed by Steve. There is also a fallen ivy shrub leaning on a broken fence that is obscuring the footpath. A letter should be sent to householder asking for this to be cleared. f) Salt bags for next winter to be ordered - there is enough space currently to store them. g) Litter Pick - quite a lot of litter is gathering in the village. Rachel offered to organise a litter pick. h) Extra litter bins - to check with Marcus Harrington about ordering 2 more bins for the village. i) Village Handyman - there are currently too many “ handy man jobs” for Steve to manage. We should consider the need for a full time handyman. Refer to Finance Committee for advice. 	<p>DS</p> <p>DS</p> <p>DS</p> <p>DS</p> <p>DS & Val Agenda item</p> <p>DS</p> <p>RH</p> <p>DS</p> <p>DS Agenda Item</p>
	Date of next meeting - 10th July 2014. 4pm in JL Hall	