



WEST BERGHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

Environment & Highways Report

Working Party Meeting held on Thursday 8th May 2014 in John Lampon Hall

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

Harry Stone chaired this meeting.

1	Health and Safety Officer	
	Regarding the proposal of a named Health and Safety Officer for the PC, Val Walsom, as Parish Clerk, is the Health and Safety Officer. Phil Walby will be attending a Health and Safety Course soon and will be prepared to take on a role as a Health and Safety Coordinator for the PC	
2	War memorial	
	(a) Still waiting to hear from Management of Brewery site re memorial on that site. There is a promise that Mr Jarvis will contact John-Gili Ross next week. Meanwhile Bowdens have been cooperating on the issue of repair to the Brewery Memorial. (b) Proposal for single memorial stone for village commemorating (but not naming) all who served during any conflicts since 1914. This committee agreed that any new memorial would best be sited on the green area near the village sign at the junction of Chapel Road with Colchester Road. Rosemary is investigating Stonemasons to assess design and cost. The size of the memorial should be appropriate to the site. (c) Poppy seeds have been distributed in the areas of the village entrance signs.	Agenda item. Agenda item
3	Traffic Safety Plan	
	There has been little movement on ECC Highways implementing the plans for traffic safety. Marcus Harrington and Anne Brown to be asked to make enquiries about progress. New Church Road will also need resurfacing. Should this be carried out before safety plans are implemented?	Agenda item
4	Allotments	
	Terry Claydon is now chair of the Committee. The rotovator has been used. The allotments will be taking part in the Open Gardens event on June 22 nd . Water tanks need replacing. A rolling programme will be organised so that one a year can be replaced by “dunk” tanks at a cost of £200 approximately. It would be beneficial if “Gift Aid” could be applied for as this would bring in	Agenda

	useful extra funding.	Item
5	Poors Land Footway area from Poors Land to Heathlands to be cindered.	DS
6	Emergency Planning A useful meeting has been held with Colchester Emergency Planning Officer, Mr Tudor Smith. Harry has written an item on this subject for the next Bulletin for information of residents.	Agenda item
7.	Jubilee Beacon This will be installed. Plaque to be designed and ordered.	DS
8	Any Other Business a) Hedge in Armoury Road - is overhanging and needs trimming. Request that Val sends a letter to residents responsible (if that is the case) to request trimming. b) Pavement along Chapel Road from Mumford Road towards Queens Road appears to have been resurfaced. This committee would like to know who makes a decision prioritising like this as there are many footways in West Bergholt in a worst state of repair.	HS & DS Agenda Item
	Date of next meeting - Thursday 12th June 2014. 4pm in JL Hall	