



WEST BERGHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

Environment & Highways Report

Working Party Meeting held on Thursday 9th January 2014 John Lampon Hall

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

1	War Memorial	
	<p>Discussions held regarding war memorial on Old Brewery site. This records the names of those employees of Daniell's Brewery who fought or fought and died in the First World War. The War Memorial Trust visited late last year and proposed that the memorial needs refurbishing. It was decided by this working party that the memorial should be repaired but should remain on the brewery site somewhere appropriate.</p> <p>As West Bergholt does not have a village memorial it was proposed to investigate funding for a village memorial to be placed on the same site. We need to ascertain the names of villagers who fought in the wars. There are 2 plaques in the Methodist church recording names in the first and second world wars and also a plaque in St Mary's church. Harry agreed to cross reference the various memorials for compiling a more comprehensive list. We could ask the History Group for assistance with this task. Investigations need to be carried out before any decisions can be made regarding a village memorial.</p>	All Agenda item
2	Traffic Safety Plan	
	Harry reported that Anne Brown confirmed that the proposals are going ahead and that Sonja Church is making a plan to be put on notice boards for all to see. Harry will discuss some issues with Chris Stevenson.	HS Agenda item
3	Armoury Road	
	David will communicate with Brian Butcher to find out if the drainage problem at the property at the junction with Colchester Road has been resolved.	DS
4	Allotments	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The storage shed is now in situ and equipment can be stored there. b) The use of the rotovator on the allotments should be charged to the allotment holder. Payment to go to the PC and Gary should then be paid for the time spent using this money. c) Harry will stand down as chairman of the Allotment Committee this year but will remain as a member of the committee. 	Agenda item

5	Poors land	
	The area of land that needs reinstating will need to wait for drier weather. The posts will need replacing as well.	Agenda item
6	Newbridge Hill	
	We are still awaiting a reply from Beestons regarding their buses using this route.	Val.
7	Snow Patrol	
	Harry has recruited 25 volunteers to the patrol. The salt/grit is available and the new spreader works well. David, Harry and Gary to be in charge of organising snow clearance.	DS & HS
8	Health and Safety issues	
	Phil and Gary will check on the play area for any maintenance work required.	PW
9.	Any other business	
	a) Trailer for handyman use - David to investigate the cost of a trailer and tow bar for Gary's vehicle.	DS
	b) A post box has been fitted to the front of the Orpen Hall.	
	c) Outside water tap fitted from boiler cupboard at Orpen Hall.	
	d) Any work carried out by Gary for MUGA or allotments should be paid for out of their funds	Val
	e) Duck house will be replaced on the Queens Head Pond	DS
	f) A laurel hedge is overhanging the pavement on Garthwood Close. Letter to be sent by Val requesting this is cut back.	DS
	Post script	
	We are very pleased that David has agreed to carry on as Chairman of this working party. At the next meeting we need to discuss some of the responsibilities that could be shared out to members of this working party	
	Date of next meeting - Thursday 13th February 2014 4pm in JL Hall	