

Footpaths & Environment Sub Committee

A meeting of the sub Committee was held on **Tuesday 1st September 2020** at Squeech Farm Cottage garden starting at 6pm.

1. **Present:** Mr. J.Dunnett, Mr A Dunnett, Mr. P Franklin and Mr. G.Caryer

2. Apologies for absence

None

3. Minutes - To approve the minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising

Minutes of the 2nd October 2019 approved.

Matters arising - Verge in Meeting Lane next to ditch will be strimmed in a few weeks unless already undertaken by East Suffolk.

4. Actions taken since last meeting

- Fido Bin installation underway in Churchyard
- Stream Cleaned
- More Bench treatment materials obtained
- Construction of rustic bench for Lyttleton Meadow underway
- Bus Shelter on the Green repaired
- A check of work required on all bus shelters completed
- Millennium Meadow working party restarted
- Risk assessment undertaken and guidance produced for Millennium Meadow working parties
- Greenways have mowed and raked the Millennium Meadow and nature reserve area of Lyttleton Meadow

5. Correspondence

5.1 Email received:

An email was received (Attachment 2) pointing out that residents have allowed their hedges to grow right over the pathways making access impossible for the disabled, elderly and parents with pushchairs and requesting the parish council should enforce the owners of these hedges to deal with the problem.

Following a further email it was identified that the report referred to pavements in the Thomas Walls Close and Salters Gardens area.

It was agreed to ask Grundisburgh News to publish an article requesting people to manage shrubs and hedges next to footpaths.

5.2 Litter Pick

It was agreed to organise a litter pick in September as part of the Great British September Clean.

6. Bus Shelters

A Survey of work required on Bus shelters (Attachment 1) was approved. The Parish Council are requested to agree funding to complete these repairs. It was also suggested that the CIL fund could be used to fund this work.

7. Stream

7.1 Damage to the small dam was discussed and it was agreed that this will need to be repaired.

7.2 It was proposed that the PC consider removing the Dam during the winter to allow water flow to shift the silt that builds up on the slow moving river across the Green.

7.3 It was suggested that if the Scouts were to undertake the next stream clean, the silt could be spread on the new village hall site to improve soil structure.

8. Benches

Paul Franklin will organise ongoing bench treatment and repair. Next action will be to treat and oil the Belfield bench on the Green and oil the other benches on the Green (treated in 2019).

9. Lyttleton Meadow

A new bench, close to the pond, will be installed on the nature reserve area of Lyttleton Meadow and walk ways mowed to improve access.

Grass on the other area of Lyttleton Meadow is too long to enable the use of the community for games and recreation. It is clear that the District Council are not maintaining this area to a suitable standard.

10. Millennium Meadow

It was agreed to request Insurance for volunteers working on Millennium Meadow and other sites e.g. bus shelters..

11. Allotments

The PC are requested to seek additional areas for use as allotments.

It was suggested that as the rent had not been changed for many years it should be reviewed.

12. Footpaths

Maintenance of signs continues to be sporadic. People are encouraged to report missing or damaged signs.

13. Organised walks

Still suspended.

GRUNDISBURGH BUS SHELTER SURVEY Aug. 2020

Work on the Pipes Corner Shelter is the most urgent - see below

POUND CORNER

2 Broken plain roof tiles- front

S. side hip roof, plain roof tile missing

Windows, fascias and paint - all OK

Smaller oak R.H. side, tree branch pressing on roof - trim; is this tree TPO?

VILLAGE GREEN

Barge boards and fascia board badly need restraining - wood all good

Cut back tree branches, side and back, for access, to do above

Clear gutters

Roof tiles OK

Large conifer (trunk 25cm. dia.) immediately behind shelter needs removing as roots will undermine foundations and is a hazard in high winds - tree surgeon job. This tree appears to be outside the neighbour's garden - negotiate with neighbour.

PIPES CORNER

Brush moss from roof tiles, front and back

Re-bed pantiles at ridge L.H. side

Replace wooden capping boards (rot)

Repaint barge boards

Repaint side windowsill

Clear gutters

Clear undergrowth, fallen tree trunk at L.H. side

Scrub front wall with bleach (moss/exhaust) - looks scruffy

Access to the L.H. front is hazardous due to frequent HGV traffic at this corner (needs a look out person and/or cone, particularly if using a ladder)

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Grundisburgh footpaths

Dear Mr Caryer,

As a recent visitor to your delightful village I was appalled at many of your pedestrian paths. Several residents have allowed their hedges to grow right over the pathways making access impossible for the disabled, elderly and parents with pushchairs.

I think residents should be made aware of this and the parish council should enforce the owners of these hedges to deal with the problem. If they do not comply with your request, perhaps a letter saying the council will do it and a charge will be made.

Now is a perfect time to solve the problem. No birds are nesting and the bad weather has not set in. I should like to think that the next time I visit walking along your footpaths will be a pleasure.

I look forward to hearing from you.

With kind regards

Anne Morton

Dear Mr Caryer,

Many thanks for your reply.

The area which is most notable is Thomas Walls Close and Salters Gardens. I am sure there are a few more roads in that area but I am unable to remember their names. There is also a dead tree which looks quite hazardous and could fall on someone in a high wind leading to Salters Gardens at the back of the Bowls Club.

Perhaps a walk around would reveal even more places!

Thank you again for your reply. I do hope something can be done in the near future. Grundisburgh is such a lovely, welcoming village.

Best wishes

Anne Morton