

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SOUTH WONSTON PAVILION COMMITTEE 11-05-2021 AT 2.00 pm at the Pavilion

PRESENT

Cllrs Perrins (JP) (Chairman), Selby (DS), Street (FS) and Clerk Mrs Jones (RJ).
Tree Warden Lesley Mackinnon (LM) submitted her report

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Peal (AP) & Lesley Mackinnon (Tree Warden)

PAVILION MANAGEMENT

The Deep Clean will take place at the end of the May with the final one booked for the end of June.

The pavilion has started to reopen to regular hires from 12th April onwards.

On a site visit from Corrighenda it was pointed out that the expansion chamber needed securing to the wall.

The Damage Report and Action Plan is going to be actioned by:-

Ray Watts work which includes:-

- undercoat and gloss the door frames around the changing rooms x3,
- outside wood stain areas with the same stain as previously. Clerk has a record of the colour. This hasn't been done since the Pavilion was built. To include going over the joints with filler;
- paint the home and away changing rooms;
- tighten all loose taps;
- repair disabled toilet door which is catching on the wooden floor;
- re concrete around the drain in the car park;
- repair wall in external toilet; + paint?
- The hooks and eyes need replacing on both fire doors: glue needs removing.

Terry Winters

- The brickwork could do with attention;
- wash off the picket fence when the weather is better and repaint the white paintwork;
- clean the outside of the gutters;

- clean green mould from the path and the porch uprights;
- outside, Benches and Table Units need power washing and re – staining;
- Jet wash paths.
- Recycle area to be cleared and cut back.

Darren Jones

- organise a cherry picker for cleaning and painting the clock tower, plus replace any broken / missing tiles. Cost of cherry picker is £250 per day + £180 labour per day. The job will take 2 days.

- Attach the expansion chamber to the wall.

The astro-turf should be monitored as a hollow is forming around the manhole and requires wood putting round to make it level.

Other works listed are in the Changing Rooms: non – functioning toilets and loose taps and, in the inside Ladies and Gents Toilets, some emulsion areas in need of attention.

The rainwater harvest system by E-Cozi stopped working. A plumber identified a solenoid problem but the electrics still trip when it is turned on. Clerk has spoken to the Tildan electrician and plumber and neither have arranged a visit. Symon Tilley is being booked to visit.

The external toilet has blocked again and cleared by Clerk & Terry.

Dainage not working along the side of the building. It is now hard soil with no grass.

ACTIONS ARISING

Clerk to co-ordinate jobs on Action Plan and manage volunteers with the Tree Warden.

FINANCE

No income coming in from regular hires, only starting to return from 12th April.

RECREATION GROUND MANAGEMENT

Grass & Grounds have started cutting the grass and due to do a spring feed. Clerk to meet Darren to look at what areas grass and ground cut versus Terry, due to the trees planted on the recreation grounds.

Keys to the garage need to be collected from Michael Graham and his deposit of £50 returned.

The lawn mower has been taken to the Lawn Mower Doctor who said the engineer needs replacing. Frank Street and Darren Jones are going to look into a replacement lawn mower.

The new bench shelters are on order. A discussion took place on what to do with the ground around where they are to go.

Darren Jones is due to put up the notice boards and remove the one at the entrance of the car park.

To arrange for EHS visit to clean the park and use an algae scrub on the rhino mulch.

TREE WARDEN UPDATE

The dates of the meeting have been emailed to Lesley Mackinnon so she can arrange to attend some of them. For this meeting she submitted an update.

Tree Warden Report for the May 2021 Pavilion and Parish Council Committees:
From Lesley and Paul southwonstontreewarden@gmail.com

Recreation Ground tree planting

Watering and weather: The weather was not under our control sadly. Straight after planting we entered into a drought period, which proved challenging for keeping the saplings hydrated. However, volunteers stepped up and kept watering and so far we have not lost too many of them. We are setting up a system with the help of Terry, which involves a larger water container and spray, which he can wheel around the rec. Thanks to Terry. Luckily we are now experiencing more April style weather in May so watering stress is reduced.

Mulch Matting: Volunteers and Paul have put recycled cotton mulch mats around the saplings on the East and North sides (and wood chippings around the silver birch). This will help keep in moisture and reduce competition from the grass. A few mats have had to be replaced as some birds have enjoyed making nests out of them and maybe a few dogs have taken an interest in them – but generally all ok.

Tags for Trees: As the trees have a long way to go before we know if they have truly established it was suggested that the tags are retained for future plantings or to place on the trees at a future date.

Play area: Is it agreed that stump grinding will take place of the shrubs cut down and then a planting out of mature species of dogwood will take place in winter – dog woods were suggested as they give fantastic winter colour and can be easily maintained by chopping down in spring. Meanwhile we will also plan for wildflower plugs and bulbs on the adjacent bank, which is currently bare.

Wild flower planting proposal: To increase the interest and biodiversity of areas of the rec it was suggested that we plant up the sapling/ hedgerow areas on the North side and within the silver birch grove. Susan Simmonds of the Hampshire Wildlife Trust will visit to advise us. Paul, Lesley and June, will walk around the rec with her on Wednesday 12th May. Paul has been researching other parish council experiences of wildflower planting.

Proposal for a Community Orchard: We have been seeking views from community groups, and have started a blog outlining such a venture (southwonstontreewarden.blogspot.com). A further request for ideas and suggestions from all residents will appear in the June issue of the Dever News. We aim to develop the proposal and bring it to the Parish Council within the next few months.

Tree Warden Website: This is now live, though there is still much to add. It is hosted by Hugo Fox of Whitchurch – a web designer firm that provide free website hosting and support for voluntary groups – so there is no cost to the Parish council. We would be grateful if a link could be provided to the South Wonston Tree Warden website (www.southwonstontreewarden.uk) from the Parish Council website.

Ash: As the leaves of these trees emerge during May and June, we should be able to note the crown cover and identify any that need to be marked for felling in the Autumn, or before if it is felt there is a safety risk.

Worthy Down Tree buffer: **Nicola Day** at Worthy Down Camp has been contacted (as suggested by Rachel) to enquire about the maintenance plan for the “tree buffer zone”, an area of trees and shrubs which were planted to provide increased biodiversity and screening between the camp and Lower Road, South Wonston. A walk around that area at the end of April showed that a number of the mature trees have died and many of the under-storey shrubs are not thriving. TBC

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 15th June 2021