



WEST BERGHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

Environment Report

Meeting held Thursday 14th May 2009. John Lampon Hall

Councillors present **Jenny Church, Bernard Colbron, David Short, Peter Sleigh and Harry Stone**

Apologies

- 1 **Railway Crossing**
Barriers have replaced gates. Next crossing closure will be 22 May till 26 May inclusive. Further closures to be announced.
- 2 **Allotments**
Scrub clearance was successful giving three more plots. There is a waiting list of six residents waiting for vacant plots. The Parish Clerk to be asked to put a notice on the notice boards giving this information.
- 3 **Poors Land**
Complaint received re the turfing of the bare patches from a resident. David and Gary went to the field daily to check and water the turf in. The complaint still to be resolved.
- 4 **Heath**
Agreed to flail the Heath in school holidays (August).
- 5 **Lorkin Daniel Playing Field and Play Areas**
Play equipment has been repaired. Mr. King has been told about our problem with the height of the roadside hedge. Will also contact him later in the season. MUGA lights have been inspected by CBC and passed light splay inspection according to planning agreement conditions. Football club has asked for verbal agreement with the Parish Council to erect floodlights adjacent to the clubhouse to facilitate evening training. Sub-committee to tell the club that we cannot agree to any thing without further information and drawings. Extra keys to be cut for the posts onto the Lorkin Daniel Field so that a set can be kept inside the Administrators office.
- 6 **Queens Head Pond**
Suggested by our insurers that we should have safety notices beside the pond warning of deep water. A double-sided sign, to be fixed to the barrier alongside Queen's Road, to be sourced.
- 7 **Hall Road Pond**
Re cleaning out pond. The sub-committee agreed that we should progress with the clearance of the pond without obtaining ownership. This proposal will save money from our Budget.
- 8 **Lexden Road Pond**
This area was strimmed in May.
- 9 **Bus shelter**
Seats have been fixed in the shelter.



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10 Village Signs

The entry signs have been ordered and await delivery date.

11 Requested alteration by a resident re public seat heights has been noted.

12 Orpen Hall

The largest hole in the surface of the car park has been filled in. The others will be filled in over the next two months.

13 BYG

The BYG has now got keys to the MUGA and there is a set in the Administrators office.

14 Police Visit

The Police contacted Gary saying that they had received a report from a member of the public that he was 'loitering' in front of the school. He was in fact waiting for David to join him for a field inspection. To avoid this happening again the sub-committee propose to purchase signs for his van to inform people that he is working for the Parish Council.

15 Expenditure

Gary spends his own money when purchasing on behalf of the Environment Committee. Occasionally he runs out of money. It has been suggested that a 'float' be set up for him and David to buy items on behalf of the Committee.

16 Cycle Racks

It was suggested that a cycle rack be put to the side of the Orpen Hall. This may promote better forms of transport. A rack providing six bicycle places would cost about £345 plus VAT and fixing. The sub-committee agreed to take the idea further.

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