



## WEST BERGHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

# Land and Recreation Committee

Meeting held Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2010. John Lampon Hall

Councillors present      David Short, Harry Stone, Sue Day, Jenny Church.

Apologies

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| 1 | <p><b>Allotments</b><br/> Rents are due. Site meeting planned to give out invoices.<br/> Plots have been renumbered and a list put on notice board. This was vandalised but is now repaired. HS to inform PCSO of vandalism.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Action<br><br>HS |
| 2 | <p><b>Poors Land</b><br/> Hedges will require trimming. Billy King is retiring so we will need a replacement for him. Tractor and flail required.<br/> Football pitch is very muddy. Propose to reseed at the end of the season instead of turfing.<br/> Keys to post padlocks have been lost. ? need new padlocks.<br/> Notice re dog fouling missing from entrance in School Road.</p>                                                                                                                                                                             | DS               |
| 3 | <p><b>Heath</b><br/> David to discuss with Community Service Workers to plan schedule of work.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | DS               |
| 4 | <p><b>Lorkin Daniel Playing Field and Play Areas</b><br/> Dead trees will be removed sometime in the next 2 weeks.<br/> Graffiti on back wall of JL Hall to be removed.<br/> Large limb of cherry tree at front of Hall broke and has been removed.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | DS               |
| 5 | <p><b>Queens Head Pond</b><br/> Meeting held with Carla Davis from BCTV (British Trust Conservation Volunteers) in early December to discuss clearing of reed mace. This will be done by March or if not possible at least after September. A third of reeds to be removed at a cost of £175 per day plus VAT. The resulting heap will be removed by Norhurst costing £150. This will be repeated every year to keep the problem under control<br/> Situation regarding duck population to be investigated. Duck house will be replaced when the ice disappears.</p> | DS               |
| 6 | <p><b>Hall Road Pond</b><br/> See above regarding clearing vegetation in pond.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                  |
| 7 | <p><b>Lexden Road Pond</b><br/> See above re clearing of reed mace.<br/> This committee recommends that all 3 ponds should be done by the Autumn. Each pond will cost in the region of £350 - £400.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | DS               |



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- 8 **BYG**  
Club running successfully. Management meeting to be held to plan for future events and investigate links with Stanway YC. Investigate problem with acoustics in JL Hall.
- 9 **Parish Churchyard**  
Community Service Workers are clearing and tidying the churchyard. The church council wants a wildlife area left in the middle.
- 10 **Memorial Bench**  
Bench has been installed Commemorative plaque to be ordered - John GR was going to do this. DS
- 11 **Litter and Graffiti**  
Gary has worked hard to keep litter under control but it is a never ending task. Gary has taken photographs to demonstrate the problem to PC DS and GW  
Spray remover bought so that Gary can remove any graffiti himself.  
Bus stop outside Chapel is often littered (Possibly by school children waiting there). Can a rubbish bin be placed there??
- 12 **Armoury Road**  
Overhanging hedge has been trimmed back - ?? by Highways dept. No cost to PC though.
- 13 **Village seats**  
All now repaired. All bare wood will require cleaning and sealing - leave this until Summer. DS
- 14 **Trees in Mumford Close**  
TPO officer will need to come to assess problem. Cost of topping of tree agreed. Ds
- 15 **Trees in New Church Road**  
Trees need cutting back to prevent damage to electricity wires. What could be the input from Borough Council?? - ask at PC DS  
And PC
- 16 **New Trees**  
New saplings are on offer again. Decision needs to be made by 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan. Propose to leave for this year.
- 17 **Village Handyman**  
Gary currently is contracted for 8 hours a week and receives payment for extra hours when he remembers to claim for them. Gary now has another full time job but wishes to keep his 8 hours contract with PC. DS and PC  
Many more hours are required to keep up with maintenance work in the village. This committee recommends that another 27 hours a week should be contracted making 35 hours in total. To be discussed at next PC meeting.
- 18 **Gritting of pavements in icy weather**  
How can we plan to improve the situation in future? PC could be seen to be showing community spirit to assist in this.
- 16 **Date of next meeting**  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2010