

**In Attendance:** Cllr Caroline Hubbard, Cllr Trevor Jakeman (**Chair**), Cllr Ken Kershaw, Cllr Sue Robinson, Cllr Esther Taylor, Cllr Bobbie Torkington (**Vice-Chair**), Cllr Clive White, Karen Cramoysan (Clerk), 1 Member of the Public.

- 01      **Election of Chair of Open Spaces Committee – RESOLVED:** Cllr Jakeman was proposed by Cllr Hubbard and seconded by Cllr White and accepted the position of Chair of the Open Spaces Committee for 2026-2027.
- 02      **Election of Vice-Chair of Open Spaces Committee – RESOLVED:** Cllr Torkington was proposed by Cllr Robinson and seconded by Cllr Kershaw and accepted the position of Vice-Chair of the Open Spaces Committee for 2026-2027.
- 03      **Apologies for Absence** – None
- 04      **Declarations of Interest** - None
- 05      **Public Participation** – Tony Barron advised that the lock inside the allotment toilets is broken and needs repair. When the allotments were last broken into, the toilet door was forced and subsequently the lock won't lock from inside. Clerk will contact contractor to fix this. Tony also advised that the bag of sawdust for the toilet is nearly empty – Clerk will look into purchasing some more.
- 06      **Minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 - RESOLVED:** Minutes were received and signed by the Open Spaces Chair as an accurate copy.
- Matters Arising at Chair's discretion (if not covered by the agenda below):**
- Works outstanding from Play Area inspections – RESOLVED:** All outstanding works have now been completed.
- 07      **Additional bin in Recreation Ground – RESOLVED:** Clerk has contacted NFDC twice now and has not heard anything back. Cllr Jakeman will ask Cllr Tipp if he can assist.
- Insurance Claim for vandalised Bus Shelter** – Clerk advised that she has chased this several times with Zurich but has not received any answer.
- 08      **Recreation Ground:**
1. **New Play Equipment – RESOLVED:** All equipment installed and snagging has been carried out. There is an issue with the graphics on the bee and ladybird; Kompan are looking at a solution on how to fix this without having to lift the surface around these graphics as it could cause shrinkage to the surface.
  2. **Phase 2 Works – RESOLVED:** Cllr Taylor has written an article for the Parish Magazine.
  3. **Path Works (Middle of Rec Grd) - RESOLVED:** Cllr White has been carrying out due diligence on the proposed contractor. Clerk has also contacted Hythe & Dibden Parish Council who are very happy with the work carried out for them. Councillors asked if we could get a quote from the contractors who are working on the Whartons Lane development. Clerk will contact them. (**Outside pathways**) – Clerk has emailed Nightingale Groundworks asking for a firm price as we will be applying for a grant from NFDC for these works. Clerk waiting to hear back.
  4. **HCC Free Trees – RESOLVED:** Cllr Jakeman said that we do not have anywhere for extra trees to go, however, we may want the odd one or two trees to replace any that have died or will need to be felled. Clerk advised that an email had just come through for the recent tree survey had just been carried out by NFDC but couldn't see the Works Order on her phone to advise what needed doing but would have a look when back in the office. Clerk has also contacted ACCG to see if they have any idea of where trees could go and has also shared a post on Facebook about this as requested by HCC. Cllr Jakeman will also price up plaques and offer these to the original six people who adopted the new Elm trees last year.

**09 Community & Environment:**

**a) Allotments**

**1. Vacant Plots – RESOLVED:** All plots are currently let. Plot 16a now has a new tenant. Cllr Robinson asked what the ratio was of residents and non-residents who had plots. Clerk would let Councillors know. All Councillors also **AGREED:** that the Parish Council should hold back some plots for the new residents of Whartons Lane at renewal time if any become vacant and not automatically offer these out to non-residents.

**2. Gate Lock - RESOLVED:** Cllr Torkington has taken the broken lock to the Locksmith. A new lock has been ordered and the lock will be cloned with the existing lock. Cllr Torkington will contact the Locksmith again to find out when this will be happening.

**3. Community Payback – RESOLVED:** CPS were due on site today but cancelled. They are next on-site Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> June. Cllr Jakeman will not be available to meet them but will tell them what works need to be completed.

**4. Fence Repair: RESOLVED:** Clerk contacted Totton & Eling Council about this in April, but repairs have still not been carried out. Clerk will chase this up.

**5. To Arrange a date for Allotment Inspections: RESOLVED:** Cllrs Hubbard, Jakeman and Torkington will carry this out on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 10:30am.

**b) Bus Shelter Grant from HCC– RESOLVED:** Grant money now received and GW Shelter Solutions have ordered the parts and we are now awaiting a date. A35 North Side shelter works cancelled until we know if HCC will be carrying out the Cycle Lane proposal.

**c) Proposed 20 mph limit in Whartons Lane - RESOLVED:** Cllr Kershaw has still not heard anything from NFDC and chased this again this morning. Cllr Tipp is also chasing this up on our behalf.

Cllr Robinson will write to HCC about the crossing points in Whartons Lane and also copy in Dan Poole (HCC Councillor).

**10 Precinct:**

**a) Planters - RESOLVED:** Gardener (Lyn) has removed old bedding from the planters which were past their best and the grasses as the root balls were too large. She will be topping up with new compost and plants on Thursday this week.

**11 Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August at 2pm.

Meeting closed at 3:01pm

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