

# *Sandridge Parish Council*



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## **TO: MEMBERS OF THE SPORTS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

Councillors: James Lambert (Chair), Carol Chalkley, Mike White, Raihanna Ahmed, Graham Leonard, Jenny Roberts

Public members: Jez Cox, Chris Cooke

Officers: Rebecca Pannese; Project, Amenities and Community Engagement (PACE) Officer  
Simon Thwaites; Parish Clerk

A meeting of the Sports and Recreation Grounds Committee is to be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 7.30pm at Marshalswick Community Centre

## **A G E N D A**

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
- 2. Disclosures of Interest and Dispensations**  
To receive declarations of interest from Members on items on the agenda and to receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interests.
- 3. To approve the minutes of the Sports and Recreation Grounds Committee meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025**
- 4. 2025/26 Capital Works Update**

### **Harness Way Open Space**

The two new inground trampolines have been installed, along with the wetpour surfacing around the entrance gate (the latter paid from the 2024/25 budget).



### **William Bell Playground – Replacement Swing Set**

This is anticipated to be installed at the end of September.

### **Sherwood second mini goal**

On order and awaiting installation – date tbc.

### **Capital budget update**

Reminder of the committee capital budget for 2025/26

**Harness Way** - £12,000

**Jersey Farm Adventure Playground** - £10,000

**Spencer Meadow Playground** - £17,500

**Spencer Meadow carpark** - £14,000

**Total** - £53,500

### **Spend so far Capital Works**

Harness Way £15,000

Spencer Meadow car park £2,590

William Bell swings £4,635

Skate ramp painting £1,725

Sherwood Park goal £3,406

Table tennis St Leonards £3,495

Total spend £30,851

### **Spend so far maintenance**

Painting swing set St Leonards £325

Sherwood basket swing repairs £220

Astroturf Spencer Meadow £1,495

Total spend £2,040

### **Committed spend**

Trampoline clearance Sherwood - £150

**Remaining budget** (53,500 – (30,851 + 2,040 + 150) = £20,459

**5. Love Where you Live – 2 Minute Litter Pick**

In Verulamium Park, the below facility is available to enable users of the park (who want to) to do litter picking. The unit holds a single litterpicker and bags. The Committee is asked to consider whether it would like to introduce something similar at one or more of the parish playgrounds.



**6. Installation of a rugby / football combination goal set for Jersey Farm Open Space**

At a previous meeting, the Committee discussed a desire to explore the option of adding football goals to Jersey Farm Open Space, as there are often games going on but with players using the rugby goals as makeshift football goals. The Committee also recognised that some residents enjoy the opportunity to play rugby and that it would be a pity to sacrifice one for the other, should we replace the rugby posts with football goals. The PACE officer has been looking at combination goals (below).





This would enable both football to be played and rugby kicks to be practised (the rugby posts are mostly used for kicking practise as opposed to try scoring). The cost for purchase and installation would be £6,500. Should the Committee wish to proceed, the PACE officer will investigate if we can donate (or sell) the current rugby goals. It is therefore:

**Recommended;**

To proceed with the purchase and installation of two rugby football goals at Jersey Farm Open Space, replacing the current rugby only posts.

**7. Padel Court request Report**

Please see the report included with the agenda.

**Recommended:**

That following investigation by the working party, the Parish Council do not proceed with a Padel Court at Spencer Meadow.

**8. Graffiti Artwork to the Skate Ramp Update**

The painting of the ramp is now complete. Mandy Johnson led two successful community painting days in July and completed the remainder herself over the following days. She had a good turnout of budding young artists and received encouraging and positive feedback from residents nearby.



**9. External Funding of Spencer Meadow Pitch Improvements**

No further update on this.

**10. 2026/27 Budget**

The Committee is asked to reflect on the feedback from the Wheatfields Council Questionnaires (as circulated by Cllr Lambert) and the Facebook feedback discussed at the previous meeting regarding the facilities in the parish and agree on a sum to request from the Finance Committee on the 27<sup>th</sup> October. Members may wish to consider the option of spending a % of the budget requested and adding the remaining figure to ear marked reserves for a larger installation project in the future. Members should also note that there are plans for housing developments in the parish (as yet without planning permission) that would result in Section 106 funding which could be requested for spend within this committee.

#### **11. Matters of Note**

- Basketball nets have been installed on the hoops in Sherwood Park, both in the Multi-Use Games area and the freestanding post.
- The swing set in Harness Way Open Space has been sanded down and painted.
- Wetpour repairs and fencing repairs have been carried out in the toddler playground at Harness Way Open Space.
- The dilapidated bin in Sherwood Park has now been removed.
- The wildflower beds in the open spaces are due to be trimmed and arisings removed ahead of next years seed sowing.
- Two trees (one dead and one dying) were removed from beside the playground at Harness Way Open Space. It is hoped that this will reduce some of the debris falling into the toddler playground.

#### **12. Any other Business**

#### **13. Matters Arising Since the Circulation of the Agenda**

#### **14. Suggestions for Future Meetings**

**Date of next meeting – 7:30pm Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025 at Marshalswick Community Centre**