

Sandridge Parish Council



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TO: MEMBERS OF THE SPORTS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Councillors: Graham Leonard (Chair), Carol Chalkley, Mike White, Adam Twidell, James Lambert, Raihaanah Ahmed

Public members: Jez Cox, Chris Cooke

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

A meeting of the Sports and Recreation Grounds Committee is to be held on Wednesday 19th June 2024 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. Election of Chair**
- 4. Election of Vice Chair**
- 5. Review and approve the Terms of Reference for the forthcoming year**

- 6. **To approve the minutes of the Sports and Recreation Grounds Committee meeting held on the 6th March 2024**
- 7. **Update on Capital Works for 2024/25**
Please see the attached report.

Recommended

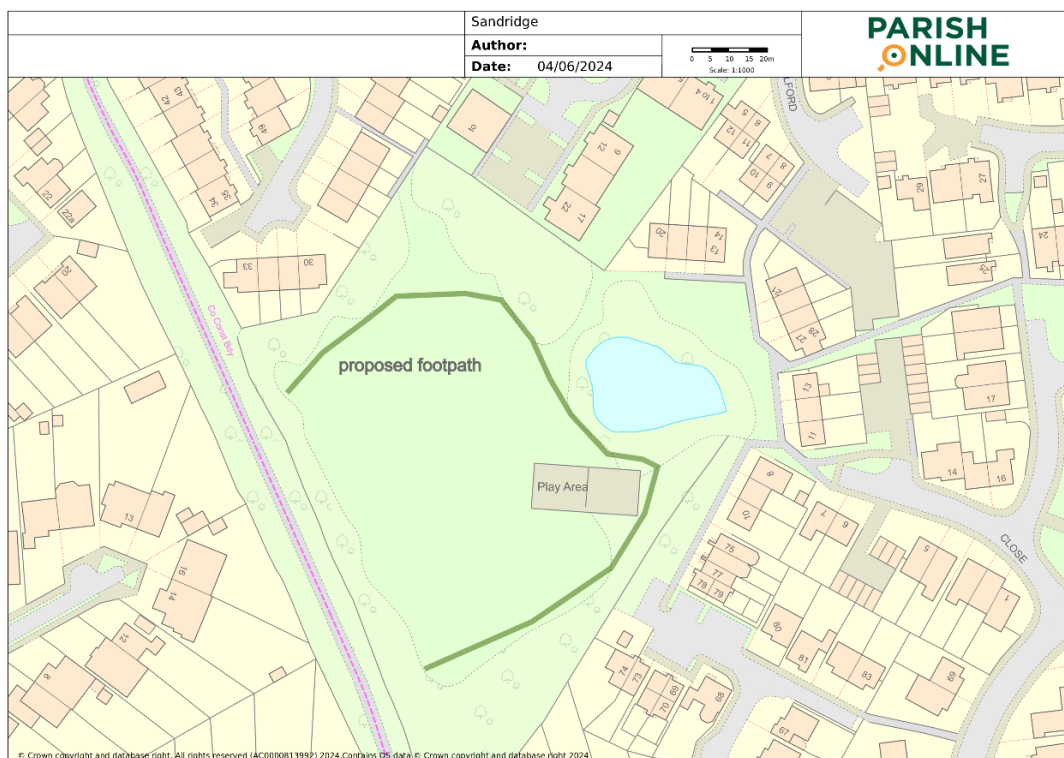
To carry out the works as detailed in the report.

8. **Path around Harness Way Open Space**

At a meeting of the Committee for Sustainability held on 23rd April Councillor Wells and Councillor Chalkley presented a joint proposal to create a new crushed granite footpath linking the two recently surfaced entrances from Jersey Lane with the playground and the access path from Cheriton Close. This would allow access across and around the open space during times when the ground is wet as well as providing a valuable link from the entrance on Cheriton Close and Harness Way to Jersey Lane, making journeys to the shops and amenities at St Brelades Place considerably easier. It is felt that the path would encourage residents to visit the open space that would otherwise avoid the area due to the muddy conditions of the ground during wet weather.

It is felt that visitor numbers would increase to the open space and playground if there was an all weather access across the grass. This would not affect the football goals or the basketball area, the path route would be around the perimeter of the grassed area and afford a scenic route around the open space.

A quote has been sought and the approximate cost of this installation would be £10,600 (net). If the Committee wish to go ahead with the project, two further quotes will be sought in accordance with Sandridge Parish Council’s Financial Regulations.



Recommended

To proceed with the installation of a circular path around Harness Way Open Space from the 2024/25 budget.

9. Improvements at Sherwood Avenue Open Space

Following the successful painting and replacement posts at the tennis courts at Sherwood Park Recreation Ground (see appendix photos), the contractor has recommended an annual jet wash and moss treatment to ensure the longevity of the surface. Currently, John O'Conner maintain the courts but they do not perform the above tasks annually. The cost to the Parish Council would be £780 per year as a fixed rate for three years. Depending on the results, members may wish to continue thereafter. It is therefore;

Recommended

To proceed with the above annual maintenance and to include the annual cost in the next three years Sports and Recreation Ground budget and review thereafter.

10. Repainting youth shelter in Sherwood Avenue Open Space

The shelter has been in place for over 8 years now and is looking tired. A new coat of anti-graffiti paint will enhance the overall appearance and bring the facility up to standard. It is therefore;

Recommended

To proceed with a washdown and repaint of the shelter using remaining capital from the 2024/25 budget. It is not expected to cost more than £1,000.

11. Picnic Benches in Open Spaces

A further observation following the walkabout in 2023 was to provide picnic benches in several of our open spaces to encourage families to come and enjoy a picnic. The following spaces were identified to benefit from the installation of a picnic bench:

- St Leonard's Open Space
- Jersey Farm Adventure Playground
- Harness Way Open Space

The benches are made of recycled plastic so are resistant from fire damage. The cost of the three benches (one being an inclusive bench with access for wheelchair / mobility scooter at Harness Way Open Space) including installation is approximately £2,200. It is therefore;

Recommended

To purchase three picnic benches for the locations detailed above.

12. Matters of Note

- Independent play inspections have been carried out at our playgrounds and the reports have now been received by the office. Additional essential repair and remedial works considered a "moderate risk" have been added to the list of works scheduled for this year.
- A large broken bough has been removed from Harness Way Open Space following a site inspection. The bough was broken over an unofficial path and the tree work was carried out the day after it was discovered.
- Two new waste bins have been ordered for William Bell Open Space and will be installed at the earliest opportunity, replacing two broken ones. The new bins are more substantial and vandal proof.
- New wildflower beds have been created in Sherwood Avenue Recreation Ground, St Leonard's Open Space and William Bell Open Space.
- Efforts are ongoing to obtain a quote to have dual bins installed at Sherwood Park and Spencer Meadow.

- The Clerk has again written to Ant Steel in respect of completing further street art at the skate ramp.
- To date, Sandringham School has not referred any DOE participants to become ambassadors for our open spaces.
- A new clothing bank has been installed in the Sherwood Park car park.
- Average court earnings at Spencer Meadow over the last year is £364 per month.

13. Matters Arising Since the Circulation of the Agenda

14. Suggestions for Future Meetings

Date of next meeting – 7:30pm Wednesday 18th September 2024 at Marshalswick Community Centre

Appendix

Before



After

