



*Foot paths will be undertaken in 2019; however in order to do this the air temperature must be above 20 degrees hence it will be later in the year when the weather is warm enough.*

(v) How much would a commemorative seat cost in Flood Meadows

*Response: Approximately £1,500 if new base was required*

(vi) The new bench installed at Flood Meadows – a careful watch will need to be kept to ensure it is not covered by the brambles which are in close proximity to it.

*Response: Noted*

(vii) He had submitted names for all the footpaths in Flood Meadows as a way of aiding navigation of the site – what were the views of the committee?

*Response: In thanking Mr. Orme for his thoughts; it was not the policy of the council to start naming footpaths across it's sites; some of which fall under Rights of Way and are recognised by their numbers (Hampshire County Council, Rights of Way refers).*

2. E-mail correspondence from Nigel Youell – Alton Rugby Club:

*Pat and Leah*

*I have been meaning to write to you both for a while but somehow lots has seemed to be going on that has diverted me, so here goes:*

*First a very big Thank You to you and your team for all the work you have done. The results are very clear to see. In fact, they are getting noticed all around the county as away teams visit us at Anstey Park and on every occasion we have had great compliments on the condition of our pitches. We have not had to postpone or reschedule a match so far this season so we are already ahead from where we were last season.*

*Our Junior Festival was able to go ahead even on a very rainy weekend and the measure of the success we have had with the pitches was, (unlike previous years) there was very little mud in the clubhouse even though we had over 300 children coming and going during the day!*

*Please will you also thank all the ground staff for their continued efforts. We do appreciate what they do and I know they often go beyond what is reasonable to make sure we have a great surface to play and train on.*

*Thank you again for all your support. I think we can be very proud of what has been achieved and that it has benefitted all the users of Anstey Park.*

*Best wishes*

*Nigel*

3. E-mail received from Diana Wood:

*Hello Pat,*

*I cannot now attend the meeting tonight but wonder if I can submit the following*

*1) re Jubilee fields. Far end pavilion (Harry Baker). Lately there has been great difficulty in parking, say for the Ramblers, in the Jubilee field car Park nearest to the sports centre. My question is, with this in mind, why is the gate locked at the further end so as the general public cannot any longer use this space?*

*Response: Unfortunately due to a number of incidences of anti-social behaviour with cars accessing the grass areas and engaging in joy riding and tearing up the surface from*

the lower end of the car park; the decision was taken to fence off access by installing a barrier which has (fingers crossed) stopped this "behaviour".

*2) regards the future Wey Walk. As cyclists have been involved, ie Dr. Mike Hayward, from the beginning of this project, the name does imply that the path will be only for walkers whereas assurance was given that people could cycle as well. Please can this now be confirmed by Councillors at this meeting.*

Response: Yes, the council will be installing self-binding gravel pathways and is taking out the loop at Kings Pond to facilitate. Obviously the whole route will not be available to cyclists bearing in mind that they are not permitted to cycle on pavements but will still be able to follow the walk, albeit using the highway at appropriate points.

4. The question of parking in Anstey Park was raised as there had been an incident reported to Councillor Pam Jones between a Rugby Club marshall and the Royal British Legion which it would appear was as a result of a misunderstanding/miss-communication and had been previously raised with the Town Clerk.

#### 150 Grounds Team Report

The Grounds Team Report was tabled as per the report which accompanied the published Agenda papers.

Members noted the comprehensive report and in response to a question raised, the Town Clerk confirmed that Alton Cricket Club had received confirmation of his achievement of Gold Standard for the wicket.

The Chairman asked that the Grounds Team were congratulated on the excellent achievement as well as the exemplary presentation of the council's open spaces in terms of maintenance and cleanliness.

**NOTED**

#### 151 Allotments Report

The Allotments Report was tabled as per the report which accompanied the published Agenda papers. The Chair of the Allotments Sub Committee confirmed that the Allotment Association is still without a Chair to steer the Association and in acknowledging some degree of recent miss understanding and inappropriate publicity material; there had been a number of incidents whereby management of the waiting list and plot allocation had been perceived to be too slow; this past year had evidenced an increased number of people being unable to maintain their plots at the required level of working as well as those who had given up their plots as they had not been cognisant of just how much hard work and effort goes into cultivating of crops.

**NOTED**

#### 152 Jubilee Skate Park

The Town Clerk had produced the following update report as part of the Agenda papers published prior to the meeting:

This item was reported fully to Full Council on 17<sup>th</sup> October with comprehensive details presented on the response to the Invitation to Tender issued, the evaluation process undertaken, references taken up and the recommendation put forward by officers. Full council resolved to

approve the appointment of a contractor to design and install the new Skate Park at Jubilee, subject to the securing of funding and/or any required planning permissions (Minute 128 refers).

A meeting then took place with the contractor and the Skate Park Steering Group on the 29<sup>th</sup> October to undertake design and layout work, receive an update on funding applications made by the group and to look at the scheduling of public consultation. It is anticipated that there will be drop in session to consult young people at Alton College later this month to consider the proposed layout and seek feedback and comments on any other aspects of the project. There will also be a stall at the Yuletide weekend to attract further comments and encourage people to complete a short on-line survey with their views. It is anticipated that the Steering Group will then reconvene in January to finalise the design in light of the feedback received.

#### NOTED

#### 153 Update Reports:

The Committee received the following reports as per the published Agenda papers:

##### 1 **Will Hall Farm – Lower Field (Information)**

Further to the report to this Committee in February 2018, dialogue has remained open with Redrow homes in respect of the future use and management of the lower field at the Will Hall Farm development. As previously reported, as per the Reserved Matters, Redrow have to undertake all works as detailed in the landscaping scheme which they have confirmed they will do. It was also noted that there is no commuted sum stipulated in the S106 agreement for future maintenance of the land. It was agreed by Members that the management of the area including the SUDS required a high level of knowledge of flood management; a skill not currently held within the council.

Redrow, through continued dialogue with the Committee Chairman Councillor Hill, subsequently approached the Town Council with a proposal that the Town Council be gifted an area commencing 8m to the south of the River Wey up to the boundary with the road. The offer was made on the basis that this area will have a comparatively “lighter touch” maintenance regime and will not hold any responsibility for the river or the drainage and SUDS on site. This would enable the Council to control the path which would be the commencement of the Wey Walk, which could then be dedicated as a right of way and create a new piece of public open space for the town.

A site meeting was held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November with the Committee Chairman and Vice Chairman in attendance. The meeting party looked at the landscaping plans, the trees within the proposed area, access to the site and how the Wey Walk could tie in with a pedestrian refuge at the junction with Lenten Street; given the low lying nature of the corner of the site there was also discussion over whether board walks may be a more viable solution than a bound gravel pathway.

Costings for maintenance are being calculated and it is anticipated that a formal proposal to adopt the land will be presented to Full Council at the next meeting.

#### NOTED

##### 2 **Management Plans for Kings Pond & Flood Meadows (Information)**

A Steering Group Meeting was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> October. Enclosed in Supplementary Bundles is the updated Action plan to which was considered at the meeting. The major item of note is that the main path at King’s Pond will be resurfaced early summer next year (the self-binding gravel has to be laid in more than 20 degrees!) and it is hoped to undertake resurfacing works of the subsidiary paths at Flood Meadows at the same time.

### 3 Jubilee Fields Replacement Pavilion (Information)

This project is currently awaiting the release of funds from the Will Hall Farm development before proceeding. It is anticipated at this stage than the commencement of the project by way of securing planning and any additional required funding will take place following the completion of works to the skate park during 2019.

The Chairman requested that this matter be a standing item on the Open Spaces Committee to ensure that focus is maintained.

**NOTED**

### 4 Land at Treloar Heights and Treloar Hospital. (Information)

In respect of the small areas of open space at Treloar Heights the land transfer with Persimmon is proceeding through the Town Council's appointed solicitor. It has recently been confirmed that the roads on the estate have now been formally adopted by Hampshire County Council and it is anticipated that completion of the transfer of the open space to the Town Council will be concluded at the end of next month.

There has been no further discussion as yet with Crest Nicolson in respect of the public open space at the former Treloar Hospital site but any proposals coming forward in due course will be considered by this committee and Full Council.

**NOTED**

### 5 Wey Walk Signage (for decision)

The Town Clerk provided further background to the Agenda report which had been circulated as follows:

"Further to the financial contribution given to the Wey Walk in 2017 by Councillor Glynis Watts, this money was earmarked in reserves until required. Quotes have now been obtained for to sign the whole of the route with the exception of the stretch of path through the brewery site.

Please note: As a temporary measure EHDC have erected temporary signs on the public highway which divert people around the site; we are aware that one of these has been misplaced and needs moving (by King's Pond)

The signage which includes the Wey Walk Logo is included in Councillors Supplementary bundles and Members are requested to approve the release of funds for the double and single finger posts, way markers and stickers. Three companies were approached for signage, two responded and the most competitive, was priced as follows:

20 Double finger posts @ £ 243.12 each

2 Single finger posts @ £173.04 each

10 Way markers @ £ 92.38 each

This totals £6,128.86. A notional £50 is also requested for any areas which require discs rather than markers due to constraints in positioning.

The remaining monies from Councillor Watts will be held in reserves for use at a later date for surfacing, information leaflets and interpretation panels."

The Recommendation to committee requested that Members approve the purchase of the signage for the Wey Walk drawing down £6,178.86 of the £15,000 granted by Councillor Glynis Watts.

On the proposal of Councillor Pam Jones, seconded by Councillor Graham Hill it was

**RESOLVED to**  
**approve the purchase of signage for the Wey Walk drawing**  
**down £6,178.86 of the £15,000 grant awarded by District**  
**Councillor Glynis Watts**

154 **To receive Meeting Notes**

(i) The Footpath Wardens meeting notes of 15<sup>th</sup> September were received. Councillor Pam Jones asked whether consideration should be given to an increase in the budget for footpaths with officers confirming that this can be discussed at the Budget Workshop on 12<sup>th</sup> December when councillors will agree the forthcoming budget for the council.

Councillor Mrs Jones was pleased to advise that the finger post and repairs to Footpath 17 had now been completed.

(ii) Walkers are Welcome meeting notes of 27<sup>th</sup> April, 18<sup>th</sup> August and 23<sup>rd</sup> October were received. Councillor Pam Jones advised that the next meeting of the group is coming up and they had requested a Letter of Endorsement signed by the Mayor so that this can accompany their submission for accreditation which would be made early in the New Year.

The committee asked that their thanks be conveyed to the group for their endeavours and wished them every success with their submission, hoping that this could be announced in time for the 2019 Walking Festival.

**NOTED**

There being no other items raised, the meeting closed at 7.53 p.m.