

WIGGINTON PARISH COUNCIL WARDEN UPDATE: MAY/JUNE 2023

AREA	SPORTS FIELD
TO CHECK	Gym/Sports equipment, Children's playground, Car Park, Trees & vegetation, Safety Information, Fencing, Gates, Wooden bollards, Benches, Picnic Tables, Grass height, General ground conditions, Litter and Dog waste bags.
INSPECTION DATES	15/5, 22/05, 29/05, 5/06, 12/06
ISSUES TO REPORT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Weekly litter picking was carried out. 2. A user information label has been damaged and torn from the Twist and Step gym station (Photo 1). It is recommended a replacement label is ordered. No other visual defects were identified on the remaining gym equipment. 3. The annual fitness equipment report from Fresh Air Fitness concluded that all equipment was in good order and safe to use. 4. Handmade Hideaways (contractor) have commenced repair of the broken playground equipment. The playground was closed whilst the repair work was undertaken (Photo 2). 5. Dog poo bag dispensers were replenished as needed. New stock is being ordered. 6. Grass height was meeting the mowing specification. 7. The Clerk has spoken to the GM Contractor, clarifying the sports field upkeep over the summer months. It is expected upkeep will comply with the grass pitch maintenance agreement. 8. The football goalposts have been taken down. 9. A dead tree is tilting across the entrance nearest to Osborne Way. WPC may wish the tree to be removed (Photo 3). 10. All furniture, including picnic tables and benches, were viewed in sound order. 11. A motor vehicle has seemingly been abandoned in the car park. DBC are aware of the issue (Photo 4).

AREA	RECREATION GROUND
TO CHECK	Fencing, Benches/seats, Trees & vegetation, Grass height, Car Park, Litter & Dog waste bins.
INSPECTION DATES	15/5, 22/05, 29/05, 5/06, 12/06
ISSUES TO REPORT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12. Litter picking was conducted on a weekly basis. 13. All benches were in place. 14. Dog poo bag dispensers were replenished. 15. Curved paths, approximately 2m wide were well defined within the wild areas in accordance the annual maintenance agreement. Boundary fences will need cutting once the bird nesting season finishes.

AREA	HIGHWAY'S, PUBLIC FOOTPATHS & DITCHES
TO CHECK	Surfaces, Pedestrian routes, Signage inc. finger post, Bench (Oddy Hill), Drainage, Grit bins, Litter, Bollards, Footpaths/Kissing gates, Notice boards, Defibrillator
DATES	15/5, 22/05, 29/05, 5/06, 12/06
ISSUES TO REPORT	16. The AED, along with accessories and instruction card, were in place.

17. The AED display indicates that the battery may shortly need replacing to remain fully effective. Clerk informed.
18. Litter picking was conducted throughout the village centre.
19. A pothole in Common Field was filled by HCC (Ref no: 401003317657).
20. A deep pothole in The Twist (near Linden Barn) has been repaired by HCC. Ref No: 401003396138.
21. Please see previous report concerning soft verge damage on the corner of Pollywick Road.
22. Large pothole next to residential property 'Pippins' (Wigginton Bottom) has been filled by HCC. Ref No: 401003420387 (Photo 5).
23. Three sizeable areas of defective pavement in Common Field have been successfully resurfaced by HCC (Photos 6, 7 and 8).
24. HCC have stated that the pothole at the Fox Road/Highfield Road Junction is scheduled for repair before the 4th of July. Ref No: 401003475042.
25. HCC collected roadside barriers and diversion signs from the Wigginton Bottom/Crawley's Lane Junction. Ref No:1003460695.
26. Following a successful community litter pick (Saturday 13th of May), Cllr O'Sullivan has reported fly-tipping issues to DBC – three sites in the vicinity of the Rossway and two sites near Champneys and the village sign. Moreover, seven bags of rubbish and eight bags of recycling materials were collected covering a wide area. Undoubtedly, the litter picking event was a huge success and beneficial to the local community.
27. An overgrown hedge hindering pedestrian access close to the Chesham Road/Vicarage Road junction has been cut back by the property owner.
28. A Traffic Data Survey is currently in progress in the village to better understand current traffic flows in Wigginton. Data gathering involves monitoring tubes being laid across several roads. Information collected can assist future highways planning (Photo 9).

29. The following HCC/DBC works remain outstanding: -

Blocked Drains (HCC)

- Blocked drain opposite 6, Latimer Cottage, Wigginton Bottom. Ref No: 401002236268.
- Blocked drain by the Wick Road/Chesham Road junction (Ref No: 401003246287).
- Blocked drain in Chesham Road, facing the Sports Field main entrance (Ref No: 401003246288).
- Blocked drain near the village hall was reported to HCC. Ref No: 401003377847.

HCC have added the blocked drains to the annual drain unblocking schedule.

Signs (DBC)

- Installation of three new street nameplates - Chesham Road (nr the Vicarage), Vicarage Road (nr Highfield Road junction), and Hemp Lane opposite the Church). DBC ref no: 761319. DBC have apologised for the delay and assure this matter is being progressed.
- Damaged street nameplate relating to Oddy Hill was reported to DBC. Ref No: 807104.

PHOTOGRAPHS



