

WIGGINTON PARISH COUNCIL WARDEN UPDATE: SEPT/OCT 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	18/09, 25/09, 2/10, 9/10
ISSUES TO REPORT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Weekly litter picking was completed. 2. The Childrens playground was visually inspected. It was found that part of a wooden step is missing from decay making it awkward for young children to step down from the playhouse (Photo 1). All other apparatus was viewed in good order. 3. Notwithstanding 2 above, it is understood that WPC are looking to replace the playground surface once full funding is available. 4. The fitness/gym equipment was seen in working order (please see outstanding items below). 5. Dog poo bag dispensers were replenished on a weekly basis. 6. Grass height complies with the mowing specification. Overall, the sports field is in good condition with excellent sward coverage. 7. The boundary hedge has recently been cut, resulting in a smart and tidy appearance (Photos 2 and 3). 8. An abandoned motor vehicle has finally been removed from the car park after a long delay. Collection was overseen by DBC. 9. All outdoor furniture was found in sound order. 10. A Queen Elizabeth commemorative plinth has been installed (Photo 4). 11. A goalpost stanchion needs refixing (Photo 5). 12. In the Tree Survey report, the assessor has made recommendations about trees growing near the fitness equipment area, children's playground, and village shop. A three-month timescale has been advised, where corrective works are considered necessary.. <p>Outstanding items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A user information label is missing on the Twist and Step Gym station. ➤ A broken sign on the emergency gates (by the village shop) needs replacing. ➤ Overhanging branches above the crossover fitness machine need lopping.

AREA	RECREATION GROUND
TO CHECK	Fencing, Benches/seats, Trees & vegetation, Grass height, Car Park, Litter & Dog waste bins.
INSPECTION DATES	18/09, 25/09, 2/10, 9/10
ISSUES TO REPORT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13. Weekly litter picking was completed. 14. Benches were in place and found in good order. 15. Dog poo bag dispensers were replenished as needed. 16. Grass height is meeting the mowing specification. 17. Disease is visible on several horse chestnut trees (Photo 6). Indeed, the Assessor recommends that one horse chestnut tree, viewed in poor structural condition, is re-inspection in 3-6 months. <p>Outstanding items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Re-fastening of wooden benches to the ground.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Removal of a protruding metal object adjacent to the Fieldway entrance. ➤ Replacement of a wobbly decayed wooden fence post.
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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	18/09, 25/09, 2/10, 9/10
ISSUES TO REPORT	<p>18. The AED was in place. The battery display indicates a 66% charge.</p> <p>19. Weekly litter picks were conducted within the village centre. Litter picking was also conducted in Hemp Lane, Wigginton Bottom, Oddy Hill, and The Twist</p> <p>20. Overhanging branches are hindering pedestrian access at the bottom of Oddy Hill (near the roundabout) causing pedestrians to vacate the path and walk in the road. HCC notified. Ref No: 401003579173.</p> <p>21. An important open/overflow drain opposite Osborne Road has been reinstated. HCC ref No: 401003639247.</p> <p>22. An overgrown hedge by the Greyhound PH (Wick Road) requires trimming.</p> <p>23. New steps have been installed where FP29 meets The Twist (Photo 7). This new structure forms part of the Ridgeway National Trail.</p> <p>24. Unfortunately, tree roots are causing a trip hazard for pedestrians using FP No.9 - Fieldway to Common Field (Photo 8). HCC informed. Ref No: 401003730691</p> <p>25. A missing drain cover near the Greyhound PH was reinstated by HCC. Ref No: 401003729472 (Photo 9)..</p> <p>26. Fifty-six drains/gullies were viewed on the 28th of September. It was found that circa 40% of these drains were either blocked or partly obstructed, Clerk advised.</p> <p>Outstanding items (HCC and DBC).</p> <p><u>Blocked Drains (HCC)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Blocked drain opposite No 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. ➤ Blocked drain in Hemp Lane opposite property Kirkdale. Ref No: 401003596160 <p>HCC have added the above blocked drains to the drain unblocking schedule.</p>

PHOTOGRAPHS

