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Minutes of the Maintenance and Traffic Committee meeting held at 11.00AM 17th September 2021 at the Village Playground

Committee Members present Cllr John Hickford, Cllr Paul Breach, Cllr George Cassidy,
Cllr Julia Davies, Cllr Mike Dormon, Gini Trower

Others Present: Sarah Neighbour - Clerk
Robert Kiff – Handyman for Playground

17/21 PUBLIC FORUM

There was one member of the public present

18/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

19/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

20/21 APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting on 25th June 2021 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**Cllrs are reminded that minutes circulated are taken as read at the next meeting.
If they have any comments, they should contact the Clerk prior to the meeting.**

21/21 PLAYGROUND

1. Note the Handyman's playground Report for July

Bob the handyman talked the committee through his playground report for July and highlighted the following issues:

- The basketball net needs replacing – the Clerk will investigate cost of replacement
 - The collapsed tree needs removing – the Clerk to contact Yull Trees
 - Graffiti has been removed from the table tennis table
 - Need some signs asking people to take rubbish home – Clerk to arrange
 - Need extra bin near new furniture in meadow – Clerk to email Cllr Dumont
2. Launch event on 18th September

Cllr Breach joined the meeting to update the Committee on tomorrow's outdoor gym and new toddler equipment launch event. The event will start with the Chairman cutting a ribbon officially opening the area, Proludic are providing goody bags which will be hidden around the playground for children to find. Rob from Life Change Fitness will demonstrate how to use the outdoor gym equipment and be giving out some vouchers for personal training sessions. Refreshments are being provided by Libbys Café and balloon decorations by More than B'loons



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3. Vandalism of play equipment

One of the pieces of play equipment was destroyed by fire, the CCTV has captured some youths starting the fire, it has been reported to the Police who are reviewing the footage.

22/21 MEADOW

1. Consider planting of poppy seeds in Meadow

Gini Trower asked the committee if we could scatter some poppy seeds in the Meadow in remembrance of a local resident who had recently passed away. It was decided that it would be better to plant them in a planter as the nettles would take over the poppies.

2. New Furniture and Planters update

As part of the Welcome Back Fund the parish council have acquired some additional outdoor seating for the playground and meadow area which is now in place. We are also waiting to acquire some planters which East Herts Council have removed from other areas as they are no longer required. We will just have to pay for/arrange delivery from WGC but the planter's wont cost anything. The clerk will find out if the planters can be sourced to schools. The committee discussed maintenance of the new planters and it was suggested that local groups/schools/businesses could adopt a planter so it would be their responsibility to maintain it. The clerk will advertise the idea on Facebook once its been confirmed that the planters we want are available.

3. Grass Cutting of the Meadow

Bob advised that the Meadow would need cutting once a week to keep the grass and nettles down in the seated area. Cllr Hickford will find out if anyone local would be able to do this.

23/21 CCTV

Cllr Davies will chase East Herts regarding cutting back of the tree on the entrance of the car park which is blocking one of the CCTV cameras.

24/21 RUBBISH BIN

The clerk will contact Cllr Dumont at EHDC about getting an additional bin in the meadow and one for the car park.

25/21 PAINTING OR RED PHONE BOX AND BOLLARDS UPDATE

Committee members set a date to repaint the phone box and a few committee members volunteered to carry this work out. Cllr Dormon has applied for a grant which may be able to be used for the painting of the bollards, Ringway could be contacted if the grant is secured.

26/21 TO CONSIDER LITTER AND FLYTIPPING

As above, the clerk will contact Cllr Dumont at EHDC about getting an additional bin in the meadow and one for the car park.



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27/21 SPEEDING IN THE VILLAGE

A member of the public was allowed to speak on this item, she is very concerned at the speeding vehicles in Roydon Road including quad bikes and trail bikes doing wheelies and overtaking buses. The committee assured the member of the public that the council are taking steps to combat the speeding issue, a Speed Indicator Device has been applied for and Cllr Breach is working with HCC to establish a 20mph zone in Roydon Road

28/21 WEIGHT LIMITS IN THE VILLAGE

Breaching of weight limits through the High Street will continue to be monitored.

29/21 DEFIBRILATOR – REPORTING UPDATE

Cllr Howlett continues to check on the defibrillator and has sent recent reports to the Clerk.

30/21 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Cllr Cassidy has applied to Ringway and is waiting on a response. The clerk has had several recommendations from other clerks on a Christmas light provider called Lamps and Tubes and will forward the link to Cllr Cassidy.

31/21 The next meeting of the M and T Committee will be Friday 15th October at 12noon, Gini gave her apologies for this meeting.

The meeting finished at 12.16pm

Chairman..... Date.....