

Minutes of OSWG meeting on 29 / 07 / 19

Attendance - Margaret Hall, Margaret Piper, Anne Oliver, Amanda Townsend & Alan Cook

1) Lengthsmen - it was noted that clearing corners and signs had taken 14 hours from June / July - comments from residents were few but positive.

It was proposed that we should use whatever time is necessary to clear Himalayan Balsam and review hours towards end of year to identify whether the 8 / month is the right amount of time to allocate. To be approved at Parish Council Meeting 6-Aug.

2) Broadoak - Anne Oliver, Margaret Piper and Alan Cook met Graham from Tilhill (Woodland Trust contractor) on 22 / 07 at 10am at Lower Broad Oak entrance. His approach to the installation of picnic benches was favourable and he agreed to get formal approval from WT. He seemed amenable to cutting glade more frequently & clearing brambles. Whether this will be sufficient is uncertain and we need to monitor progress. He was also amenable to placing educational signs at entrances. It was proposed we should wait for formal approval then target having glade seeded and picnic benches installed for spring 2020. This allows time for tendering and seeking sponsorship.

3) Playpark - Agreed that we should send A Guy's response to Inspector's findings to EDDC. There was concern that the maintenance contract was over 1year old. Recommend that we seek tenders for future work and future contracts should be 1yr contracts.

4) Footpaths - no action

5) Open Spaces - Meeting with EDDC re open spaces received sympathy and noted that West Hill lacked open space but no positive actions forthcoming from District Council.

6) Bus Shelter - AC has met R Johns and is waiting for tender for repair work.

7) Bin Collections – evidence shows that these were not being emptied twice / week. Clerk to follow up with EDDC.

8) Village Forum - Proposals need clarification

There was no other business meeting closed at 3.15pm

Next Meeting 27-Aug @ 2pm