

# Briefing Note

## Estates & Facilities Update

Item 6 - For Estates & Facilities Management Committee on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021

### Introduction

This briefing note updates Members on the management of the Parish Council's estates and facilities from September to November 2021.

### Hurst Meadows Update

The following have taken place since September 2021:

- The PROW in Hurst Meadow has been cut by Barcombe Landscapes.
- 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> September 2021 Volunteers raked the arisings from Heritage Orchard.

### Upcoming

- Marking out Saplings in Edgerley Meadow to be protected, using the stored tree guards and stakes.
- Removing the stock fencing from Fifteen Acres from the five-bar gate on Latchetts lane heading south to St George's Green (all materials to be preserved where possible and stored for reuse).
- Experimenting by removing some of the gates into Fifteen Acre and St George's Green, to aid with accessibility.

### Ancient Woodland:

- MSDC have cleared the ditch between Fairfield Recreation grounds and Tilley's copse.
- A woodlands for walkabout meeting was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October with Nicky from the Woodland Trust

### Upcoming

- Invasive weeds removal in Wilderness wood, including Honeysuckle, Snowberry and Cotoneaster. Dates to be confirmed.
- Id Verde have been awarded the works to cutback and clear the ditch level with Mildred Durrant way and Tilley's copse – Awaiting a start date.

### Tree Works Programme:

All tree works agreed for 2021 have been completed.

- Nicholas Jones Consultants Ltd. – has started the Tree survey risk assessments on the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021. We are awaiting the report.

### **Upcoming**

#### **Court Bushes:**

- The Ash Stump at the rear of The Community hub was ground out ahead of the installation of the new decking.
- New decking has been installed at the community hub at Court Bushes, Hurstpierpoint, including the repairs to the existing decking. (All Fire exits are now working properly)
- Hamish has tightened all the chairs in the Club lounge.
- IDM Fire Alarm and Emergency lighting checks completed.

#### **Village Centre:**

The following has been completed within the Parish council office:

- The South East Water report recommendations for the installation of non-return valves and removal of the non-functioning Water heaters have now been completed.
- The Church Pew has been secured in the Main Foyer.

### **Upcoming**

- MVG Electrical have provided a quote to change the Main foyer lights to LED and repair 5 ceiling lights in the club Suite foyer.

### **Other Facilities**

- Green circle signage meeting with MSDC was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Location maps and designs to be submitted for approval.
- SID (Speed indicator devices) has been erected on Albourne road. Awaiting quotes for the installation of posts in other approved locations.
- Meeting with Paul Taylor from Bovis/Vistry to discuss outstanding works and boardwalk installation – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021.
- The Sayers Common Festive lights are now all approved.
- The Sycamore sapling has been removed from the guttering on the Stables.
- Merlin Lighting have replaced the festive lighting boxes on the high street, Hurstpierpoint.

### **Upcoming**

- The Sayers Common Festive lights will go up after 14th November and before 22<sup>ND</sup> November 2021 and will be turned on 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

**RECOMMENDATION: The Committee is asked to NOTE the update report.**

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