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Briefing Note

Estates & Facilities Update

19th March 2026

Introduction

This briefing note updates Members on the management of the Parish Council's estates and facilities February 2026 to March 2026.

Hurst Meadows

Completed: -

- A new Noticeboard door has been ordered from Greenbarne for the Hovelfield vandalised noticeboard. It will be fitted once it arrives. It has been delayed due to an error. Chased again. Nothing has been paid yet.
- St George's Lane bollards booked in to be repaired with Greenscene Landscapes.
- Volunteer working party completed on the 26th February to cut back brambles encroaching on saplings in Walnut Tree field, 6 volunteers helped with the works and 4 x full ton bags of brambles were removed.

Upcoming: -

- *Lost Woods Project are planning Coppicing training for our Volunteers in Autumn 2026.*

Tree Works

Upcoming: -

- *New financial tree works are programmed in from April 2026.*

Court Bushes

Completed: -

- Hot water boiler on the Nursery side has been repaired by Ben Cooke plumbing on 3rd March 2026.
- All 3 bollards on the driveway have now been installed and are working well.
- 2 x quotes have now been received for decorating the building.

Upcoming: -

- *A new flushing button is required for the nursery toilets.*

Village Centre

Completed: -

- Fire door retainers have had new batteries installed.

Reeds Lane Recreation Ground

Completed: -

- Sovereign started works in Reeds Lane on the 23rd February 2026, there was a change over of fitters that delayed the works, then a second change of fitters on the 5th March, the operations manager was met on

site on the 12th March, our site has been made a priority and should only take 3 to 4 more days to complete on their return.

- New fitters arrived to finish the installation of the play equipment on Thursday 5th March 2026 and have been given an additional barrier key for access.
- Picnic tables and bins have been delivered and will be collected by Greenscene when ready for installation.
- The new swing was installed on 10th March 2026 by Fosters Landscapes.

Upcoming: -

- *Additional items including bins, benches, picnic tables, fencing and pitch improvements have been ordered and booked in.*

South Avenue Recreation Ground

Completed: -

- New Trampoline was installed week commencing 2nd March 2026 with Heras fencing was removed on Thursday 5th March 2026.

Upcoming: -

- Spring rocker quote has been received and will be programmed in in the new financial year.

Speed Indicator Device (SID) update.

- The SID was placed on Reeds Lane from 16th January 2026 to 23rd February 2026.
- Total Cars counted 32218.
- Total cars travelling under the speed limit 18787.
- Total cars exceeding the speed limit 13431 (41% speeding).
- Total cars travelling more than 10 mph over the speed limit 2432 (7.5% speeding).
- All SID data will be sent to the Community Speed Watch Officer.
- The SID was placed on Cuckfield Road, South of Idenhurst.

Other Facilities

Completed: -

- We have received 2 quotes for a new festive lighting contractor.
- JDP Decorating have almost completed the external decorating at the Chapel, South Ave.
- 2x festive lighting companies have provided a tender take over our contract.
- A quote has been received to repair the Chantry Stables main door.
- A site meeting has been held on Thursday 5th March 2026 with Landbuild to discuss the implementation of the South Ave drainage works.
- All residents in South Avenue where the works are to be carried out have been notified and questions answered.
- Landbuild is due to start drainage and resurfacing works on 16th March 2026.

Upcoming: -

- *E&F Manager is still waiting for a confirmed date from WSCC on the installation of Children crossing signs on Reeds Lane.*
- *Dog waste bins are being monitored to check they are emptied weekly.*

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