



Horndean Parish Council

NOTICE OF MEETING

A MEETING OF THE GROUNDS COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY

24 JUNE 2024 AT 7.00pm in Jubilee Hall.

Members of the Committee Cllr J Lay, Cllr S Freeman (Chairman), Cllr R Sowden, Cllr D Prosser, Cllr A Redding, Cllr R Smith.

are summoned to attend.

18 June 2024

Carla Baverstock-Jones
Chief Officer

AGENDA

1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. **Declaration of interest:** Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest which they may have in any item of business on the agenda no later than when that item is reached. Unless dispensation has been granted, you may not participate in any discussion of, or vote on, or discharge any function related to any matter in which you have a pecuniary interest as defined by regulations made by the Secretary of State under the Localism Act 2011. You must withdraw from the room or chamber when the meeting discusses and votes on the matter.
3. To elect the Vice Chairman to the Grounds Committee.
4. **To open the meeting to members of the public to enable them to address questions to Parish Councillors. The period of time which is designated for public participation shall not exceed 20 minutes. Each member of the public is entitled to speak once only in respect of business itemised on the agenda and shall not speak for more than 3 minutes. A question asked by a member of public during public participation session at a meeting shall not require a response or debate.**
5. To receive and approve the Minutes of the Grounds Committee meeting held on Monday 25 March 2024.
6. To receive an update in respect of the completed projects/significant works undertaken by the Countryside Team.
7. To receive a report from Cllr Freeman in respect of the way forward regarding the parish notice boards.
8. To receive a report regarding the reduction in funding currently received from grants and schemes.
9. To receive a verbal update in respect of the parking on a grass verge at Wagtail Road.
10. To receive a verbal update and consider the way forward in respect of the Speed Indicator Devices.
11. To receive and consider the way forward in respect of Catherington Pond.
12. To receive an update in respect of the Horndean Green Trail and Heritage Network.
13. **To resolve to exclude the public and the press, in the view that publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business or arising out of the business about to be transacted. (Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960).**
14. To receive and approve the Confidential Minutes of the Grounds Meeting held on Monday 25 March 2024.
15. To receive a report and consider the way forward in respect of the waste collection contract.
16. To receive a report and consider the current lease in respect of Catherington Down, which expires in April 2026.



Horndean Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE GROUNDS MEETING HELD AT JUBILEE HALL 25th MARCH 2024 AT 7.00pm

PRESENT : Cllr J Lay, Cllr S Freeman (Chairman), Cllr B Sowden, Cllr A Redding (Vice Chairman)

IN ATTENDANCE : Carla Baverstock Jones (Chief Officer), Matt Madill (Grounds Manager), Susan Blake (Minute Tak
3 x Members of the Public

Meeting opened 7pm

G33/23/24 To receive apologies for absence. : Cllr D Prosser, Cllr R Smith, Cllr John Hodgson

G34/23/24 To receive Declaration of Interest : No declaration of interest was received

G35/23/24 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Grounds Committee meeting held on Monday 22 January 2024.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes Grounds Committee meeting held on January 22nd 2024 be signed as a true record of the meeting.

Cllr S Freeman Signed.

G36/23/24 To receive an update in respect of the completed projects/significant works undertaken by the Countryside Team.

Verbal Update from Grounds Manager
Various play area repairs
Vegetation clearance on Parsonage Field and Hazleton Common
Hazel Coppicing on the Lilth
Picnic Benches Installed
New member of the Countryside Team fitting in well.

G37/23/24 To receive a report and consider the quotations in respect of the replacement notice board at Parsonage Field.

Discussion took place regarding which notice boards have the heaviest footfall.
Like for like notice board quotes circulated.
All notice boards to be reviewed.
DEFERRED to next Grounds Committee meeting

G38/23/24 To review the status of the notice board at Dell Piece.

Cllr S Freeman requested quotes to be sourced for larger noticeboards.

- G39/23/24** **To review the quotations received in respect of the surfacing at Downs Park and Deep Dell play areas.**
- Quotes circulated
Not all quotes can be separated out.
It was **RESOLVED** at the Grounds Committee meeting on 25 March 2024 to recommend to Council to proceed with the following repairs to play area surfacing
- To clean, repair and overlay existing rubber surfacing at Deep Dell Play Area – 68Lm perimeter – 103.5sqm surfacing for the following play equipment: Multiplay Junior Unit, Mushroom, Slide at a **total cost of £5,708 + VAT.**
 - To remove and dispose of existing EPDM surfacing, approx. 6.5m2, regrade existing subbase and add top up layer, supply and installation of black EPDM wet pour, approx. 6.5m2 to a min depth of 40mm, in line with critical fall height, edges finish up to PCC edging where they are present, rolled into the Ground otherwise for the Rotar play equipment at Downs Park, at a **total cost of £820 + VAT.**
- G40/23/24** **To receive and consider a complaint in respect of the grazing of cows on Hazleton Common.**
- Cllr S Freeman read out the email from the resident.
Grounds Manager explained grazing the cattle is the best way to manage the Common.
Cllr J Lay to draft a reply to the resident.
- G41/23/24** **To receive a report and consider a request for the reduction of trees at Teal close.**
- Resident has contacted a tree surgeon who advised a crown reduction. Resident of Teal Close to personally fund the tree work.
Tree Surgeons to be consulted – Proposed Cllr J Lay and Cllr Bob Sowden.
To be signed off by Chief Officer and Grounds Manager.
- G42/23/24** **To receive a report and consider the way forward in respect of parking on a grass verge at Wagtail Road.**
- Resident explained the parking issue.
- Discussion took place
- If bollards are placed on the grass would residents then park on the pavement?
 - Are there utilities underneath?
 - Could heavy rocks or logs be used?
 - Ground would need to be scanned
- DEFERRED** to the next Grounds Committee meeting
- Cllr J Lay **PROPOSED** Cllr A Redding **SECONDED**
- G43/23/24** **To receive a report and consider the placement of bee hives on land within the ownership of the Parish Council.**
- Possible sites discussed.
Grounds Manager has contacted the resident for more information.

Signed.....

Date.....

HORNDEAN PARISH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM: 

25 March 2024

SUBJECT OF REPORT: Notice Board at Parsonage Field

BACKGROUND

At the meeting of the Grounds Committee on the 22 January 2024, Members considered the future use of the notice boards within the parish.

It was agreed to recommend to Council, that the notice boards should continue to be used, and therefore maintained accordingly.

The notice board in place at Parsonage Field due to its poor condition, was identified as needing to be removed and replaced.

The following Quotations have been obtained:

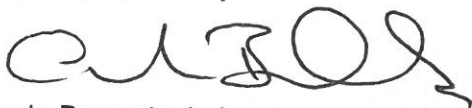
Quote 1 - £1,244.68 + VAT

Quote 2 - £1,086.54 + VAT

Quote 3 - £1,219.18 + VAT

The addition of white lettering identifying Horndean Parish Council, will give rise to an approximate cost of £350, which includes the header board.

Report prepared by



Carla Baverstock-Jones
Chief Officer



1. Should the boards continue to be an integral part of the Engagement Strategy of the council going forwards?
 - a. If so:
 - i. Should we identify all boards that now fall below standard?
 - ii. What remedial action should we recommend (repair/replace)?
 - iii. Who would carry out remedial works (Grounds Team/ Contractors)?
 - iv. Are there better physical positions where boards should be sighted?
 - v. Are there sites, that would benefit from a Notice Board that are currently not serviced by one?
 - b. If Not:
 - i. Should we continue to use any of the boards?
 - ii. Should we continue to maintain those boards that are up to standard?
 - iii. Should we take steps to remove all boards, or those that's condition reflect poorly on the Council

Footnote

Current costs to fully replace a Noticeboard is approximately £800

Recommendations

The Grounds Committee have considered the current situation regarding the condition of the Notice Boards owned and maintained by the Parish Council and wish to make the following recommendation for consideration by Council.....

HORNDEAN PARISH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 8

SUBJECT TITLE: Reduction in Funding – Grant Schemes

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

Total funding amounts through Grants such as Higher Level Stewardship and the Basic Payment Scheme has slowly been reduced.

The Basic Payment Scheme is coming to an end in 2027 and HLS has been reduced as they no-longer pay for woodland support/improvement.

Basic Payments is worth approx. £3000 per annum but this is being reduced each year until 2027 when it will be phased out and HLS is worth £5921.55 per annum and we have a current agreement in place until January 2028. The old agreement paid us £8209.60 per annum.

With some grants slowly reducing, Council may want to consider seeking advice from a Farming and Wildlife advisor who could see if HPC are getting the best from available grants.

If it is not something required now, it should be something council seriously considering in another 2 years (2026) before the Basic Payment Scheme ends.

I did attempt to apply for a Woodland Grant that would supplement the loss of woodland payments from HLS but I was unsuccessful. There were varying reasons for not being successful from compartments of woodland being too small to issues with the Woodland Management Plan we have not cover all woodland eligible under the scheme (such as Dell Piece West).

The current woodland Management plan expires in 2026, so it would be worth having a new one written for 2027-2037 which incorporates all woodland parcels owned by Horndean Parish Council. Once this has been written any grant application process regarding woodlands should be easier – there may be grants available to help pay for a new Woodland Management plan when required.

REPORT PREPARED BY:

Matthew Madill

Vehicle Speed Monitoring Initiative – Update to Grounds Committee

Prepared by Cllr Derek Prosser

Current State of Play

We have successfully applied for and we are now in possession of a set of average speed cameras (ASCs) funded by EHDC. These cameras have been licensed for 11 different locations within Horndean Parish. There are three cameras to the set and we have identified (and licensed) the lampposts to be used for each location. It is intended that we will move the cameras every three months. The deployment will start with Lovedean Lane travelling South from the "Bird in Hand" towards Lovedean Village hall (Lampposts 50,45,37). Data is gathered as a vehicle passes the cameras and data is accessed on a web portal for onward distribution (to other local authorities, South of Butser Speedwatch or the police)

In addition we have identified 28 locations in the parish that can be used to deploy a speed indicator device (SID). These are currently being reviewed by HCC for their suitability (for a fee). Once agreed, we will then license these locations and purchase a new SID device. We intend to change the location of the SID every 3 weeks starting with Five Heads Road. Data is gathered by these devices and transmitted to a mobile app via Bluetooth. This data can be used to test some locations for deployment of the ASCs or again to request that speedwatch or the police can patrol those locations with cameras. The data is recorded as the vehicle approaches the device and the vehicle's speed is displayed.

Proposal

It is proposed that we start the deployment of the ASCs starting Friday 28th June on Lovedean Lane as above. Following discussions with the Chief Officer it is suggested that one councillor and one member of the Grounds team (with equipment – Ladder etc) carry out the deployment on a Friday afternoon as required. In the case of the ASCs this will be once every 3 months and in the case of the SID once every three weeks (The SID deployment will not start until the locations are approved, licensed and the machine is purchased (obviously) – lead time unclear as of now)

Derek Prosser
HPC Catherington
16.06.2024

Carla Baverstock-Jones

Subject: FW: Speed Cameras/SIDs
Attachments: SID Locations Draft v0.2.docx

The details are as follows

- The single SID camera locations are attached (locations and licence yet to be agreed).
- The locations below are for the Speedwatch cameras (locations agreed and licence received).

- Location	Direction	Lamp post 1	Lamp Post 2	Lamp Post 3	Priority
Catherington Lane South	from Catherington towards Horndean	51	41	37	4
Catherington Lane North (1)	from Stonechat Road towards Catherington	44	46	48	5
Catherington Lane North (2)	from Portsmouth Rd to Stonechat Rd	5	15	22	3
Stonechat Road	from Catherington Lane towards Quail Way	7	12	16	
Lovedean Lane travelling North	From Lovedean (James Copse) towards Clanfield	38	41	48	2
Lovedean Lane travelling South	From Clanfield towards Lovedean (Village Hall)	50	45	37	1
Portsmouth Road – South/West	From A3M bridge towards Cowplain	65	55	46	
Portsmouth Road – North/East	From Catherington Lane to A3M Bridge	57	6	70	
Hawthorn Road/Downwood Way travelling south	From Clanfield to Horndean	Haw 1	Down 5	Down 10	
London Road (A3 Junc -> Horndean Village)	A3 Junc to Horndean Village	19	12	8	
London Road (Horndean Village -> A3 interchange @Downwood Way)	From Horndean Village to A3	6	15	23	

HPC current proposed locations for a SID

Location	Identification	Lampost
Catherington Lane North	Corner of Crouch Lane	44
Catherington Lane North	Victory Ave North	15
Catherington Lane South	Barton Close	23
Catherington Lane South	Opposite Jubilee Park	38
Rowlands Castle Road, South side		5
Rowlands Castle Road, North side		7
Stonechat Road	Opposite Falcon Road	9
	Adjacent Quail Way	17
Lovedean Lane travelling North(adj:no 179)	Opposite Woodland View	38
	Adjacent New Road	46
Lovedean Lane travelling South	Opposite Millers Fields	42
Downhouse Road West	From Catherington to Clanfield	3
Downhouse Road East	From Clanfield towards Lovedean	4
White Dirt Lane (Adj to No. 17)	From Clanfield towards Catherington	8
Downwood Way travelling south	From Clanfield to Horndean	5
Southdown Road	Towards Clanfield	3
Southdown Road	Towards Horndean	2
Hawthorn Road	Towards Clanfield	3
Hawthorn Road	Towards Horndean	1
Havant Road	Horndean to Havant	21
Havant Road	Havant to Horndean	10
London Road	Towards Horndean Village	8
Drift Road(Junction New road)	From Clanfield to Catherington	28
Frogmore lane(opposite Victory Ave>)	From Lovedean towards Horndean	24
Frogmore Lane	Towards Bulls Copse	23
Hazleton Way	Opposite Briar Close	49

Five Heads Road (towards Junior school)	Park to Junior School	8
Five Head Road (towards the Park)	Junior School to Park	10
Portsmouth Road A3 crossing	Towards the village	70

HPC 253/23/24 TO RECEIVE A REPORT AND CONSIDER THE WAY FORWARD IN RESPECT OF THE SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE

It was **RESOLVED** that this agenda item (21) be brought forward. All agreed.

A report by Cllr Prosser was circulated and an update was provided. Cllr Prosser said that the current SID was too heavy for approval and was not licenced to be in use. He did say that Rowlands Castle had challenged the devices being too heavy and had been granted approval to use them.

Cllr Prosser explained that EHDC were running an initiative, where Parish Councils can apply for their static Speed Watch cameras, which work in groups of 3 and are average speed check devices.

A discussion took place, with input from the volunteers, previously involved in the deployment of the SID.

The following was **RESOLVED**

- Apply to EHDC to participate in their Speed Watch camera initiative.
- Purchase new SID (to be in the ownership of HPC)
- Cllr Redding, Freeman and Prosser be involved in the installation, deployment and repositioning of the SID and Speed Watch cameras.
- Apply to HCC for the SID Licence.
- Organise appropriate training for the Installation/Deployment team.
- Locations were agreed for the EHDC Speed Watch cameras.

A vote was counted, with 9 members in favour and 1 member abstaining

Vehicle Speed Monitoring Initiative – Update to Feb Council Meeting

Prepared by Cllr Derek Prosser

Current State of Play

We have a budget of £5000 this year for a speed indicator device (SID). Our existing equipment has been deemed outdated and too heavy to be posted on existing lampposts. One of the existing devices has been removed and the other is still on a post on Lovedean Lane and has been for some time. There is no licence in place to deploy any device we might have. We have enquired but not applied for a set of devices from EHDC. The volunteers who used to deploy the devices have indicated they do not wish to continue. Our grant to erect a post in Catherington to hold a new device has not been used and must be returned shortly – an extension was requested and denied. Our engagement with South of Butser Speedwatch is largely passive. As it is we are currently doing little to move this forward despite it being an important issue for our residents.

Getting up to “speed”

I have spoken to Ex-councillor Peter Little who has briefed me on the above and indicated that he favoured setting up our own mobile team at the roadside for two reasons – firstly the mobile equipment is likely cheaper circa £3000 and having a mobile team would enable us to respond effectively to requests from resident to monitor hotspots. Following discussion with South of Butser Speedwatch (representative Marcella Payne – now leaving Speedwatch), I have come to a conclusion that this is not the best way forward. The reasons are – firstly we would be in competition with the Speedwatch team for volunteers (their brief is all the southern parishes), their experience in getting volunteers is difficult. Such a mobile team would need permissions from the Police and HCC anyway for where they stand and the permission of the neighbours – so in that regard it is not instant response. Finally Speedwatch’s experience is that motorists are often abusive towards them putting them in a difficult position.

Case Study – Rowlands Castle

Rowlands Castle have recently applied successfully for an EHDC Average Speed Camera set in line with the “Leader’s Initiative”. They also have two of their own SIDs and an electronic speed sign which is old but they still deploy it having successfully challenged/escalated the “too heavy” initial response from HCC. They have not received their EHDC cameras yet having applied in August. The application process is onerous and took their chief officer most of August to sort through. The EHDC Cameras must be applied for at a specific location in a specific direction, this must be agreed by the Police and HCC ahead of submission. Rowlands had some SID data to back up their application but this is not deemed essential. Licences with HCC for the EHDC camera set is £176 per location. So if you wish to move them this must be agreed again and licenced with HCC and the Police. There are also rules where you allowed to put them, not near busy junctions etc. Rowlands had to submit their second favourite location! (I have a copy of Rowlands application form). So effectively these cameras though designed to be moved are in practicality static. Such Cameras sets could be purchased directly from the manufacturer. The purpose of the EHDC initiative is to share data with the police so they have a set of data from an area to look for frequent offenders. It is worth noting that Rowlands

are actively considering allowing Speedwatch access to the data from the camera (this can be accessed via a website or app).

Returning to the devices they have purchased themselves from Westcotec. Rowlands have bought two mini SIDs. These are deployed by their handyman contractor (their grounds person) and moved every 3 to 4 weeks. The data is available via Bluetooth onto an Android mobile phone. An office person downloads this data by standing next to the device before it is moved. The older device needs to be taken to the office to download the data via cable. I have included a quote from Westcotec for the device in question in the pack (circa £4000). There are other options such as smiley face on the sign and 4G connectivity at an extra charge.

Way Forward

Given the above I conclude that our own SID device approach (moving location every three weeks) is the best way forward. We can still apply to EHDC for the static cameras if we wish to take advantage of that initiative but in order to do that we must choose a road and a direction and then agree that with HCC and the Police. Having our own device and moving it ourselves (in addition maybe) will be more flexible and more responsive to our residents. Having our own group of people standing at the roadside with a speed camera is not a good idea. With regard to EHDC I have emailed Natalie Meagher who is administering the *EHDC scheme and asked if we can join and how to apply. She stated that they had deployed 5 sets of cameras already to parishes and about to deploy to two others. She said that they were considering the next phase of applications and would let us know by the end of the month if we could apply. I await this email from her.

For SID devices my understanding is we need to purchase a device before applying for a licence from HCC. I believe we have some time ago pinpointed certain locations and agreed these in principle with HCC. We could also challenge HCC about the older devices.

In terms of deploying our device(s) to the locations every 3 weeks we either need volunteers or find some other method to stay on top of this. Any volunteers would need to be health and safety trained and provided with equipment. We could take the Rowland Castle approach and use the Grounds Team or their existing volunteers to move the SID. It is probably only an hours work every three weeks. It is then easily controlled and we can be confident that the moves will happen. (or we could employ a handyman or an existing subcontractor)

Next Steps (timelines aspirational!)

1. Ascertain from EHDC if we can participate in their scheme – End January – **We have now permission and we can apply (see below)**
2. Update to Council and decisions on way forward – Feb Meeting
3. If approved then apply to EHDC – End Feb (TBA)....(requires choice of road/direction and ok for HCC and Police)
4. In the meantime purchase our own SID device – End Feb
5. Decide if the Ground's team or a sub-contractor will install/manage the device (quotes?)
6. Apply for the SID Licence – End Feb
7. Train installation "team" – Mid March
8. Update to Council – Progress and device location priorities input – March Meeting

9. Review the existing candidate list of device locations and prioritise....and start deployment – End March
10. Engage with Speedwatch on prospective activity in the Horndean area – End Feb

If we participate in the EHDC Camera Scheme then deadlines will be dictated by their application process...otherwise will be dictated by HCC licence process or device delivery

*EHDC Camera Scheme - Cameras come in sets of three, taking an average speed from passing cars, and registering number plates, times of high traffic and other related information.

The data can then be shared with the police, giving them a clear idea of when traffic speeds are highest, when traffic is heaviest and who the serial offenders are.

EHDC's role will be to fund the cameras and first year maintenance, but local communities will liaise with the police and Hampshire County Council on how to use the data collected and where cameras should be positioned.

LATE UPDATE

We have now heard from EHDC and have permission to apply for Cameras from their scheme. They would like us to do it quickly as they want to buy the next tranche of Cameras by end March.

The application involves the following:

- Selecting a location and direct (where there is appropriate street furniture)
- Provide a justification for that site eg letter from resident
- Getting a documented approval from HCC, the Police and Local Residents for Camera positions

Here is an extract from Rowland's Castle application on Camera position for Manor Lodge Road heading towards Whicher's Gate roundabout

"The proposed location for Camera 1 is c 67m from the village gateway signage on MLR which includes signed speed limit change to 30mph, as required in the Guidance supplied by EHDC.

The proposed location for Camera 2 is c 300m from that of Camera 1, and the proposed location for Camera 3 is either a further c 200m or 400m on from that of Camera 2, depending on the preferred option by Hampshire Highways"

The council may wish to consider that we start this process in addition to or instead of our own SID.

We can propose any of our existing SID location (below) or a new one.

DECISIONS REQUIRED

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| 1. Buy a new SID and Licence it? | Y/N |
| 2. Grounds Team or Contractor to Erect/Move? | Y/N |
| 3. Apply for EHDC Average Speed Cameras by end Feb/early March | Y/N |
| 4. Location suggestions for EHDC Cameras (if applicable) | Open |
| a. Catherington Lane (between Kingscourt and Stonechat?) | |
| b. Lovedean Lane (North or South) | |

- c. Five Heads Road from Park to Junior School?
- d. London Road towards the Village?
- e. Hazelton Way?

Our current proposed locations for a SID

Location	Identification	Lampost
Catherington Lane, south side of the church hall car park entrance	Ground Socket & Temporary lamppost to be installed	
Catherington Lane East Randells Cottages	from Catherington towards Horndean	42
Rowlands Castle Road, South side		5
Rowlands Castle Road, North side		7
Stonechat adjacent to Quail Way	from Horndean towards Lovedean	17
Lovedean Lane travelling North(adj:no 179)	From Lovedean towards Clanfield	39
Lovedean Lane travelling South	From Clanfield towards Lovedean	40
Downhouse Road West	From Catherington to Clanfield	2
Downhouse Road East	From Clanfield towards Lovedean	4
White Dirt Lane (Adj to No. 17)	From Clanfield towards Catherington	6
Southdown Road(Opposite Francis Ave)	From Horndean to Clanfield	3
Downwood Way travelling south	From Clanfield to Horndean	1
Havant Road	Horndean to Havant	21
Havant Road	Havant to Horndean	23
London Road (adj No:43)	Horndean to Cowplain	8
- Drift Road(Junction New road)	From Clanfield to Catherington	28
Frogmore lane(opposite Victory Ave>)	From Lovedean towards Horndean	27

HORNDEAN PARISH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 11

SUBJECT TITLE: Catherington Pond – Pond dipping platform

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

The pond dipping platform has come to the end of its useful life and needs replacing.

Sadly, the timber has started to decay and I had to close the area off from public use.

I estimate the cost to replace the pond dipping platform would be around £1000.

Would council like the platform replaced?

One thing to consider before making the decision:

I am not aware of much pond dipping taking place in recent years. The pond is seasonal (which has real wildlife benefits) but over the years the water level, and the ponds' ability to retain water has become lower and poorer. Would there be any value in having the pond looked at by a pond consultant who may be able to recommend a programme of future works to improve the pond, or may suggest we just carry on as we are.

The Catherington Pond management plan comes to an end next year, so having a pond consultant look at the pond could help HPC focus its management aims for the next 10 years and beyond.

If council feel having the pond looked at by a pond consultant would be a good choice, then it may be better to postpone doing any repairs until a survey had been carried out and see if any works are recommended. Mainly, I am thinking any heavy work like de-silting of the pond which may require some plant machinery – we wouldn't want to install a new dipping platform that then may need removing for site access.

The pond at Dell Piece West could also be looked at as part of the process to see if any improvement works are needed/recommended.

If we were to have a pond consultant look at the ponds, we would want the main focus to be on the benefit of wildlife as we do have newts (Palmate/Smooth) that use the ponds. We would not want a duck pond as this is not in keeping with the management of the area as can often be wildlife poor.

Would Council like the platform repaired, or would it be better to seek quotes regarding employing a pond consultant first?

REPORT PREPARED BY:

Matthew Madill

