



Horndean Parish Council

NOTICE OF MEETING

A MEETING OF THE GROUNDS COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 25 NOVEMBER 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.

19 November 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 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.***
4. To receive and approve the Minutes of the Grounds Committee meeting held on Monday 16 September 2024.
5. To receive an update in respect of the completed projects/significant works undertaken by the Countryside Team.
6. To receive an update in respect of the Horndean Green Trail and Heritage Network
7. To receive and consider the funding agreed £35,000 – Rural Economic Prosperity Fund (DEFRA/MHCLG), and to ascertain the works to be undertaken within the timescale.
8. To receive a verbal update regarding the agenda item from the meeting held on 24 June 2024, in respect of Catherington Down Lease renewal.
9. To receive and consider the enquiry received from the Ecology Partnership in respect of the state and resilience of Catherington Down, with regard to a nearby planning application.
10. To receive an update in respect of the removal of gym equipment at Five Heads Recreation Ground.
11. To receive and consider the quotations in respect of the tree works to be undertaken at Catherington Lith due to Ash Dieback disease.
12. To receive and consider the way forward in respect of the repairs to be undertaken within Jubilee play area.
13. To receive and consider the request from a resident in respect of improvements to the BOAT – Tagdell Lane.
14. To consider the arrangements and hospitality for the visit to the Nature Reserves and Open Spaces within the Parish by Damian Hinds MP on 13 December 2024.
15. To receive an update regarding the condition of the notice boards, and consider the way forward in respect of a replacement at Parsonage Field, and repair of existing board at Deep Dell.

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16. 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).
17. To receive and approve the Confidential Minutes of the Grounds Meeting held on Monday 16 September 2024.



Horndean Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE GROUNDS MEETING HELD AT JUBILEE HALL ON 16TH September 2024

PRESENT: Cllr J Lay, Cllr D Prosser, Cllr A Redding (Vice Chairman),

Cllr A Redding Chaired the meeting

IN ATTENDANCE : Carla Baverstock-Jones (Chief Officer), Matt Madill (Grounds Manager), Susan Blake (Minute Taker)

PUBLIC : 6 members of the public present

Meeting opened 7pm

G 17/24/25 : To receive apologies for absence.

Cllr R Smith and Cllr S Freeman
Cllr B Sowden – No apologies received

G 18/24/25 : Declaration of interest – No declaration of interest

G 19/24/25 : To open the meeting to members of the public.

Meeting was opened to the Public by Cllr A Redding 7.05pm

6 Members of the Public in attendance

G 20/24/25 : To receive and approve the Minutes of the Grounds Committee meeting held on Monday 24 June 2024.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Grounds Committee meeting held on June 24th 2024 be signed as a true record of the meeting
Cllr A Redding signed.

G 21/24/25 : To receive an update in respect of the completed projects/significant works undertaken by the Countryside Team.

A verbal update was given by the Grounds Manager.

- Volunteers and Countryside team completed Step replacement project at Catherington Lith
- Continuation of strimming and mowing
- Play area fencing improvements
- New accessible Radar gate fitted at Jubilee Park
- New bench fitted at Catherington Down – bench made by a Volunteer
- Sleepers have been removed off Hazleton Common
- Tree down across Catherington Lane – removed and cleared

To record – grateful thanks of the Council to all the volunteers for the invaluable work that they have undertaken on our behalf.

G 22/24/25 : To receive and consider a resquest from Horndean Football Club, in respect of an extension to the land currently leased to include a spectator's terrace.

Horndean Football Club verbally outlined their request to use a 2m strip of Five Heads Recreation Ground to extend their Football Ground

The Chief Officer mentioned that the land is subject to restrictive covenants which can be seen on the Land Registry documentation.
Chief Officer will contact the Land Registry for advice.

The Chief Officer raised the issue of planning permission which may be required given the intended building to facilitate spectators.
Horndean Football Club would need to seek advice from EHDC.

G 23/24/25 : To receive and consider a request from Horndean Football Club, in respect of sharing the pitch at Jubilee Recreation Ground.

Horndean Football Club verbally outlined they need/require more training pitches and the possibility of sharing pitches with Horndean Hawkes.

Hawks Football Club explained they will soon be using the pitches at Five Heads Recreation Ground once the goals have been repaired.

The Grounds Committee advised that they have no objection to the 2 football clubs sharing pitches.

Cllr Redding asked for a proposal from both teams

6 Members of the Public left 7:40pm

G 24/24/25 : To receive and consider the way forward in respect of the delay in the works to be undertaken by SSEN on Hazleton Common.

Revised document in respect of the scheduled future work was presented.

Members raised their concerns as noted that the works are to be undertaken between April and October, particularly given this is contrary to the agreed Access Document (V5), which states as follows:

Main works need to be undertaken outside of the reptile/amphibian breeding season (April/May) and before birth periods (late July and August) which leaves available window of June to early July.

To this end Members stated that access to Hazleton Common is only agreed on the same terms and conditions as stated above, and permission is not granted outside of this timeframe.

SSEN to reduce window of works next year as per original agreement.

G 25/24/25 : To receive a verbal updates regarding the following agenda items from the meeting held on 24th June 2024:

- Engagement of the Farming and Wildlife Advisor – Grants
The Woodland Management Plan – Grants
Options: £1500 Grant available for completing a Woodland Management Plan
Consult with required bodies to complete applications
Survey the non-woodland habitats to help decide on future options
- Catherington Pond – maintenance
1 quote received - £1500 + mileage
Additional quotes to be sourced
- Catherington Down Lease
The Grounds Committee agreed in principle to continue with the lease

G 26/24/25 : To receive an update in respect of the Horndean Green Trail and Heritage Network.

Horndean Green Trail and Heritage Network meeting took place on 5th August 15 attendees
3 Funding Bids have been submitted – outcome of bids due in October.
Next meeting planned November/December

G 27/24/25 : To receive a report and consider the way forward in respect of gym equipment at Five Heads Recreation Ground.

A brief discussion took place
Grounds Manager to source quotes for removal or replacement of the gym equipment
To be brought back to next Ground Committee Meeting 25th November 2024.

G 28/24/25 : To receive and consider the quotations in respect of the tree works to be undertaken at Catherington Lith due to Ash Dieback disease.

Does East Hants require a Planning Application for each TPO?
Forestry Commission is happy in principle for the work to go ahead
The Grounds Manager to obtain more quotes

G 29/24/25 : To receive and consider the quotations in respect of the tree works to be undertaken as specified within the annual safety inspection report

Grounds Manager gave a verbal update

- Tree Safety Report has been completed
- Many issues raised – Safety work

4 quotes were circulated.

The Grounds Committee **RECOMMENDED** quote 1 to be taken to the next Council meeting (7th October 2024)

G 30/24/25 : 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).

Meeting closed to the Public 8.20pm

Signed

Date

Carla Baverstock-Jones

Subject:

FW: Catherington Down LNR/SSSI

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Dear Matthew,

I hope this finds you well.

I am writing to ask for your view on the state and resilience of Catherington Down LNR/SSSI.

This designated site falls within c. 300m of a registered residential planning application for 109 new units. We are seeking your opinion as to whether the resilience of the SSSI is sufficient to negate impact from any potential additional recreational pressure, or whether financial contributions via a s106 agreement would be required to aid additional management effort to offset.

We would greatly appreciate your thoughts on this as soon as you are able, as my client is working against a November committee deadline.

Alternatively if there is someone more suitable to speak with on this matter please do let us know.

Any relevant information you might have would be helpful.

Thank you for your time.

Best regards,

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**AGENDA ITEM: | **

SUBJECT TITLE: Quotes for Ash works on Catherington Lith

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

All permissions are in place for the works, I have spoken with the Forestry Commission and East Hants District Council.

The forestry commission have looked at our licences and are happy for us to carry out the works. An EHDC Arboriculture Technical Officer visited the site, and due to the condition of the trees he has suggested that before works commence we send them a 5 day notification with a plan and works schedule and the Arb officer would then confirm by the end of the week.

I have sought three quotes for the removal of ash trees effected by Ash Dieback (*Hymenoscyphus fraxineus*) which pose a risk to public or property.

The quotes are:

Quote 1: £22700 + Vat

Quote 2: £22700 + Vat

Quote 3: £17590 + Vat

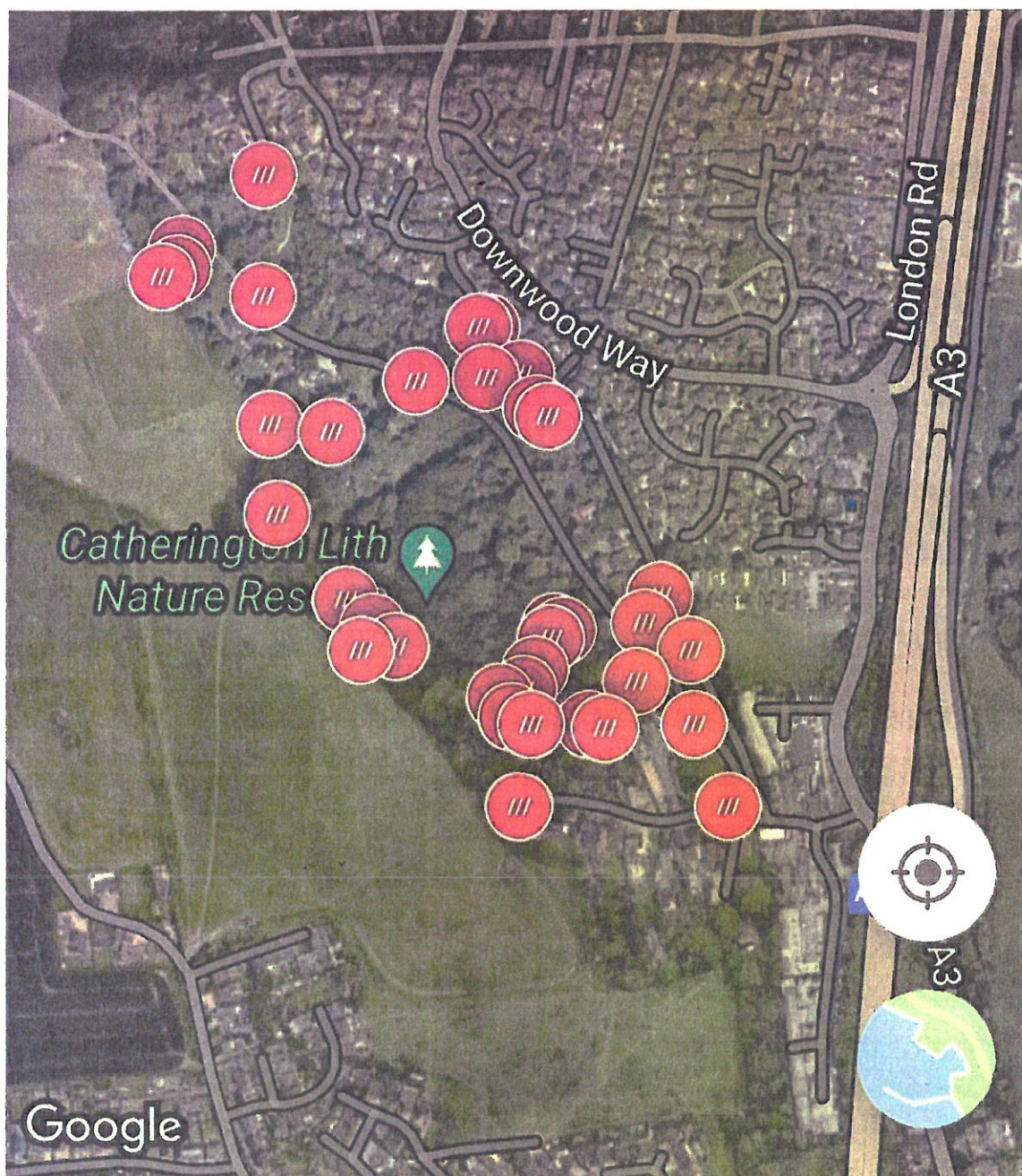
I would recommend using quote 1 or quote 3.

Quote 1 is a company we have used many times, they are professional, conscientious and have always delivered a good service.

Quote 3 is the cheapest. We have already selected them to undertake the tree inspection works but we are yet to see the quality of their work.

Quote 2 was very acceptable but it was neither the cheapest or a company we have any knowledge of.

Below is a map of the ash tree locations around Catherington Lith.



REPORT PREPARED BY:

Matthew Madill

Carla Baverstock-Jones

Subject: FW: Improvement of Byway for Horse Riders
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Good morning,

I'm looking for some help in improving the Byway at Tagdell Lane, - where it meets Lovedean Lane.

As I'm sure you are aware, we do lack bridleways in the area. I'm based at in Catherington and need to cross over into Hinton Manor Lane in order to reach quieter roads. The crossing of the road is fine, but we are unable to take our horses down the path due the it's steep gradient and horrendously dangerous surface. It's been eroded over time and is like a skate rink!

I've asked Hampshire County Council with some help getting the surface of the Byway (Tagdell Lane) improved so all horses are able to descend the steep hill making it safe for us that to use this route to cross Lovedean Lane rather than having to ride down Roads Hill and then onto the ever busy Lovedean Lane where cars often speed and it's dangerous.

Is there any support available to help with a campaign for some kind of improvement works from the County Council?

I've seen success in other parts of the UK via the BHS social media where working alongside the Parish Council they have been able to get whole lengths of bridleways resurfaced , horse crossing lights and bollards , new signage etc put in to make it safer for us riders and our horses. I'm not suggesting anything fancy like a crossing with lights but just an improved surface that will allow our horses to descend the steep hill in order to avoid going on the busy main road.

It's scary out there with cars these days, as you have seen from your own speeding data collection, some cars just don't slow down regardless of where they are. It always amazes my how people drive round blind bends. It's extremely frustrating to have a Byway that we are allowed to ride on but cannot due to the state of the surface. We really do try to avoid roads at all costs but in this area we have no other option available to us.

The report back from Hampshire Council was that the surface has eroded but they didn't see any need to do anything about it. I think they totally didn't take onboard any of my point about this part of the route being unusable for horses therefore excluding us from using it.

I would be super appreciative of any further discussion we could have on potentially getting a plan of action together to help with this issue.

I look forward to hearing from you.

