

Wix Parish Council June 2015

Field Audit Report / Proposals for work

1. Remove the mound from the eastern end of the field and relocate to the container area. This is in preparation for the orchard project

To be looked at after a site meeting- see orchard project

2. Remove the mound of earth in the centre of the 'strip' behind the MUGA and relocate it to the container area and fill in the depression behind the village hall in the NW corner of the field by the playground entrance.

As 1.

3. Tidy the area in the 'wood' (eastern corner of field) where the drainage was put in, also remove mound of earth from the wood.

Proposed Cllr Nelson, Seconded Cllr Bowers, agreed by all

4. Move the pile of stones from the VH overflow car park to the container area.

Proposed Cllr Nelson, Seconded Cllr Bowers, agreed by all

5. Repair VH overflow car park and bonfire site by top dressing where deep ruts were created building the bonfire last year. Suggest we buy 20 MT topsoil and leave excess in corner of overflow car park behind the gate so we have some if required for future years. If approved I will seek agreement from VH committee.

Add to July agenda. Cllr Bowers to seek price for recycled soil. Possibly use existing soil

6. Pedestrian gate into the field. This needs repair as the post is broken. I suggest we install a double gate with a removable (locked in) central post and a second (locked) gate. This will make bonfire night field access much safer. Whilst this works is in progress we should cast a new concrete apron inside the field as the existing is broken up.

One quote received for a double gate @ £488. Cllr Lusher to seek additional quote. Add to July agenda

7. Cast 3 additional seat plinths on the field so we can have benches all around the perimeter. These should be done at the same time as item 6 above so we only need to buy and lay concrete once.

Proposed Cllr Nelson, seconded Cllr Pilling. Agreed by all

8. Remove the practice goal post sockets and backfill the holes with earth from elsewhere. The concrete can be broken away from the sockets and the sockets retained for future use. This is in preparation for the orchard project.

Proposed Cllr Nelson, Seconded Cllr Bowers, agreed by all

9. Install two posts, one behind each container door to prevent them swinging in the wind and damaging the adjacent trees. A loop of rope or chain attached to each door can then be looped over the posts to prevent the doors blowing closed.

Proposed Cllr Nelson, Seconded Cllr Murray, agreed by all

10. Purchase of a roller for the field. Suggest a maximum budget is agreed allowing for an opportune purchase to be made when something suitable comes up. We 'missed' a roller in early June for under £200 on Ebay. A new roller can be purchased for £800 to £1000 and Mr. Boutflour charges £100 per roll of the field.

Proposed Cllr Nelson, Seconded Cllr Bowers, agreed by all. Maximum budget of £250. To inform Clerk before anyone buys/bids.

11. After the nesting season, the hedge on the western perimeter needs pruning to encourage it to bush up. It is encroaching a long way into the field now. It also needs pruning up the side of the MUGA and around the waste bin in the playground.

Proposed Cllr Nelson, Seconded Cllr Bowers, agreed by all

12. After the nesting season the willows between the strip and the main field need to be removed. I suggest we only remove those trees which as causing damage to adjacent slower growing trees such as the walnut, oak and hawthorns, unless we have other trees to replace them with now. Once these are removed we can slowly recover this area and make the ground suitable for moving in the future.

Proposed Cllr Nelson, Seconded Cllr Bowers, agreed by all

13. The ditch still needs clearing between the eastern corner of the field and the road. We need to write to landowners of adjacent properties to inform them before this work starts.

Clerk to write to landowner and Environment Agency in the first instance, and request ditch is cleared.

14. The area around the Royal Oak needs weed control fabric and gravel to retain moisture for the oak and keep it looking presentable.

Completed

15. The weeds in and around the MUGA need treating.

Proposed Cllr Nelson, Seconded Cllr Lusher, agreed by all

16. The path in the playground is disappearing under grass. Should the edges be re-defined or are we happy with the 'natural' look?

Edges to be treated with a systemic killer, and cleared back. Proposed Cllr Nelson, Seconded Cllr Bowers, agreed by all. Extension of path to be included under play area item on July agenda

17. There is a pile of rubbish in the corner of the 'new' toddler playground area. This needs removing / burning.

Proposed Cllr Nelson, Seconded Cllr Lusher, agreed by all

18. General signs need new 'stickers', such as dog-fouling.

Clerk to action- TDC

19. The contact number on the playground sign needs updating. I could probably get a sticker to put over the existing number if we know the font size.

Cllr Nelson to action

20. The 'new' wooden gate into the field is broken. This needs repair before it falls apart (this is happening already).

Proposed Cllr Nelson, Seconded Cllr Townley, agreed by all. To consider asking VHMC for 50% of the cost (part owned by the VH)

21. Boundary between VH and RBL hall car parks – although not strictly our problem, between the two kerbs is very scruffy and could benefit from a dressing of our stones and then weed killer once or twice per year. Is this something we can suggest?

Proposed Cllr Nelson, Seconded Cllr Pilling, agreed by all. Cllr Bowers to seek approval from the VHMC

22. Summer car boot sale proposal on the village field – could this be a regular thing? It could generate a useful income from the field, especially now there is no football.

Look at for the future, not at the moment.

I suggest that jobs are combine and done together where possible to minimise the number of days we need to hire equipment. What is combined and when will largely depend on when jobs are being done and by whom. Generally costs will be for equipment hire and materials as labour will be voluntary wherever possible.

Additional comments

Field should be cleared as much as possible round edges, near willows etc., with use of a flail.

Bonfire area needs clearing urgently. Should be fenced off until cleared.