

Handyman Report

(to 28 April 2022)

Jubilee Clubhouse / Recreation Field / Outside areas.

Regular activity

- Clearance of litter from the recreation field.
- The approach road, car park and play area at JCH continue to require attention in order to maintain a tidy, safe appearance but this is now reducing in frequency.
- The standard of the cemetery grass cutting by the Contractors was referred back to them through the Council but no remedial work was carried out. The cremation plots area has again been addressed by me in the meanwhile. As previously reported, the spoil storage area capacity remains a concern. The contents now prevent the gate from closing and the gate/post are unstable.
- The smoke detectors, emergency lighting and other safety equipment in JCH continue to be tested and recorded as required. Records are maintained in the office at JCH.
- The play area at JCH is inspected weekly and records kept. The conclusions of the annual inspection have yet to be discussed formally and appropriate courses of action determined. Some of the older equipment is showing marked signs of deterioration. The bark surfaces are forked over regularly and weeded as necessary. Consideration should again be given to “topping up” the bark surfaces.

“As Required” Activity

- Attended independent Legionella inspection and follow-up with potential contractors to investigate implementation of recommendations of the same.
- The play area grass has continued to be cut as has the area between the fence and the hedgerow to maintain access.
- The bus-stop opposite Bagbury Park is now completely obscured by adjacent tree branches. Enquiries are in hand to determine who owns the trees.
- As last month, a significant amount of time has been used on an extensive schedule of litter-picks spread over a number of days covering the main road through the village from Common Platt through Washpool and Nine Elms to the Parish boundary sign beyond the Nine Elms turn, back through Holborn and the village to the Greatfield / Purton road, including Greatfield itself. Significant levels of waste are recovered however the situation overall continues to improve.
- The walkway between The Close and Bury Fields was weeded and generally tidied up.
- The public footpath from The Meadows towards Holborn has been strimmed/cleared to improve access following comments from local residents

Further deposits of NO canisters, balloons, etc continue to be found at the Holborn / Nine Elms “lay-by” but much less frequently.

Observations.

- The play area perimeter fence needs to be retreated. Last carried out two years ago.
- The fence between the Cemetery and the community field also needs to be retreated. There are a couple of fence posts that need replacing.
- The access gate to the cemetery spoils area is in very poor condition and the supporting post appears to be rotted.
- The bench seats at the cemetery need retreating to keep them in good condition.
- Recommended that retaining fixtures are fitted to the JCH Players Entrance doors to prevent further damage to doors, etc.

- Still awaiting a copy of the grounds contract schedule which makes assessment of the work carried out (or not) impractical.
- Provision of a “blind-spot” mirror to provide visibility to vehicles entering and leaving the JCH parking area is highly recommended.