

NORTHILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE HIGHWAYS AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING/WALKABOUT HELD ON MONDAY 6TH JULY 2009 COMMENCING AT 10.30 AM.

Present: Councillor J Coutts (Chairman), Councillor R Brinkley, J Franklin, P Maudlin and D Milton

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the Clerk Mrs L Trevena

2. DECLARATIONS FROM MEMBERS IN RELATION TO PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST IN ANY AGENDA ITEM

None.

3. TO APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE HIGHWAYS & OPEN SPACES MEETING HELD ON 6TH APRIL 2009

The report of the Highways and Open Spaces Meeting held on 6th April 2009 was taken as read and signed as a true record.

4. TO VISIT AND CONSIDER ANY WORK REQUIRED:

4.1 Caldecote Green - The Green

RECOMMENDED that:

- a) Tree to be planted to replace tree felled at the top end of the green adjacent to the playing field;
- b) Contractor to be informed that the seat in centre of green, near to end of Dean Way, has not been rubbed down and repainted;
- c) Dead tree adjacent to the fence by Dean Way to be removed, and all wild bushes and growth along the wood fencing on the northern edge of the green including the rear of Caldecote Stores to be removed;

4.2 Pound Close - Amenity Area

RECOMMENDED that:

- a) Amenity grass requires cutting;
- b) Shrubs around perimeter of amenity area require cutting back.

4.3 Lower Caldecote – Milestone Site satisfactory.

4.4 Hatch – Common and footpath Site satisfactory.

4.5 Northhill – The Green and pond The Green – site satisfactory.

Northhill Pond – Correspondence referred from Council from Mr Rix concerning possible alterations/repair works to the existing sluice was discussed.

RECOMMENDED that:

- a) Quotations be obtained for alterations/repair works to sluice on Northhill Pond;
- b) Foliage around pond to be cut back to the pond edge;
- c) Two young willows trees on pond edge to be removed;
- d) Large willow on road side of pond to be trimmed by 1 metre.

4.6 Ickwell Green - The Green

RECOMMENDED that:

- a) Contractor to be informed that the grass verge on southern edge of the green leading to the junction of Warden Road requires cutting;
- b) Broken tree branch by corner of sheep walk to be removed for safety reasons.

4.7 Other worked required

RECOMMENDED that Highways to be informed:

- a) Tree branches overhanging footpath on eastern side of Ashby Drive up to Taddy Close to be cut back;
- b) Litter bin at Atterton's Corner (junction of Biggleswade Road/Ashby Drive), Upper Caldecote requires re-siting as it keeps getting pushed off its mounting.
- c) Verge markers to be erected between Hatch Turn and Bidlake Memorial, Hatch northbound side (this was reported to Highways in January 2009);
- d) Hatch Turn and Bidlake Memorial, Hatch embankment needs further build up to prevent danger to vehicles ending up in the stream after an accident;
- e) Ivy to be removed from safety railings at junction of Hatch Common/Thorncote Road, Hatch;
- f) Thorncote Road, Hatch footpath requires clearing of grass and ivy to allow safe access;
- g) Road subsidence outside 53 Ickwell Road, Northhill
- h) Footpath on Ickwell Road, Northhill between junction with Northhill Road and The Beeches is badly overgrown and adjacent fencing in disrepair.

3. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 5th October 2009.