



## Clerks report to the Plaistow and Ifold Parish Council meeting 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025

### **6. Neighbourhood Plan**

The Local Green Space and Non-Designated Heritage Assets letters to owners have been sent. One LGS response received, and maps added to the LGS Appendix of locations added as a response to this. One NDHA response received after a meeting with a Non-Designated Heritage Assets property owner, to be reviewed along with any other responses to the informal consultation.

The [draft emerging NP has been published](#) along with Appendix to the NP. This is advertised in the E News and Facebook and emails have been sent to the Clerks of surrounding parishes offering a meeting to go through the document if requested.

### **7. Grant Applications**

The remaining budget for 25-26 for grants is **£3,805**. £1000 is already allocated to the post office, although not yet claimed. [Grants paid to date.](#)

LOXWOOD SPORTS ASSOCIATION £1000 (£1650 applied for)

PLAISTOW PRE-SCHOOL £2000 (£3000 applied for)

AIR AMBULANCE £500 (£500 applied for)

4 SIGHT £130 (£130 applied for)

WEY AND ARUN CANAL TRUST £65 (APM Speaker)

KIRDFORD CHURCH £1500 (£1500 applied for ground maintenance in Kirdford)

See attached applications for:

- **Scouts £1400** The Group is seeking funding to replace our aging and deteriorating external entrance doors at our hut. These doors are crucial for the safety and security of our members, equipment and facility. The current doors are no longer functioning effectively, having rotted heavily.
- **BEAT £1000** Cost for the Parish over the past years in replace and renewals £1310.
- **Durfold Wood Residents £400** for water testing to approach Southern Water re sewerage overflow.
- **80s Tea Party £250** as a contribution towards cake stands, prosecco, refreshments, decorations and possibly entertainment.

## 9. Play Parks:

### Ifold Play area.

The Play area is now officially opened and reported in E News.

Still to come:

- Results of grant application for £765 50% of the cost of bin and benches as per application circulated.
- Entrance sign to be installed Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July.

### Lady Hope:

The repairs to the fence and Play Unit platform are now completed. Those to the platform being performed twice although both times it appears the broken plank has been refitted which has been commented upon to the contractor who is looking into this.

## 10. Tree Works

Tree and pond Budget for the year £3500 of which £935 already spent incl. of July BACs. But exclusive of fencing recently approved £1400net. **Leaving £1165.**

The tree survey report has been [received as attached](#)

Quote for the works recommended over the next 12 months received from

### 1. Contractors One:

Cox's Pond £2250

Recreation ground fellings £600

Recreation ground Dead Wood. £1500

**Total £4350.00**

### 2. Contractor two:

To apply for Conservation Area Consent to Chichester District Council and subsequently carry out the works identified by the Gale Tree Consultancy reports for Coxes Pond and Plaistow Recreation Ground. Recreation Ground.

Option included in quote; T12 Fell instead of deadwood removal Coxes Pond.

Option recommended and included in price; T1 Fell Remove all arisings.

Total £4,500.00 VAT £ 900.00 Gr. **Total £5,400.00**

### 3. Contractor three: Quote awaited. Expected 15<sup>th</sup> July.

2.Aerial Inspections have been recommended for the T24/524 Pedunculate oak and T25/525 Pedunculate oak **£600 net**

1. [Sessile Oak Survey results](#) have been received with no recommended works although a further survey recommended in three years.

## 11. Updates

### Cox's Pond Water Testing results-

Generally, pond and plants looks in good health.

Heavily silted in areas but I do not recommend action at this stage.

Water test results as follows:

Results:

PH 7.5 GOOD no action required

Nitrite 0 GOOD no action required

Ammonia 0 GOOD no action required

Phosphate 0.25 - 0.5 OK no action required

KH 9 OK no action required

GH 7 OK no action required

Dissolved Oxygen 6.2 OK no action required

**Recommend** keep marginal plants pruned and avoid overhanging branches into water.

If you were able to get power to the pond, I would recommend a Kadsco floating fountain which can be on a timer - this will ensure plenty of oxygen in the water and help to keep the water quality healthy. This is something we can supply and install.

Doug Banks

Managing Director, Sussex Pond Doctor Ltd

When queried re silting his suggestion in view of costs of dredging:

We can chalk the pond (aquatic chalk) this is done annually and helps to break down the excess waste in the pond. Its more 'maintenance' that irradiation. As mentioned, I would not suggest dredging at this stage.

A Single aquatic chalk dose and beneficial bacteria dose would be **£780+vat**.

This should ideally be done annually. We have some limited availability in August still which would be an ideal time to do it.

## 12. Correspondence

PROW Overgrown Email

**Subject:** Bridleway Requires clearing Wsx/807\_1/1 and /637\_1/5

Please can you get either the landowners ( xxxx owns 637 and xxxx owns 807, it is their responsibility) or WSCC to clear two bridleways which are becoming impassable even for pedestrians let alone horses . Attached is a map showing Wsx/807\_1/1 and /637\_1/5 . At the south end of 637/\_1/5 before it reaches the junction with 637/3 there are several trees partly fallen across the track which are a danger. The farm manager cuts the trackways annually with machinery but always leaves 637\_1/5.

Attach photos of 637 taken last week when it was a struggle to walk down with the amount of brambles and gorse and you can see that pedestrians are taking to the bank along the field margin to try and find a better place to walk.

I did request these were cleared last year and they were missed. They are a primary route into Wephurst from Ifold for walkers and riders.

Many thanks

On 02-Jul-25 8:32 AM, clerk wrote:

Many thanks I will report it for the PROW team I believe they are this way in November. They are as you can imagine very busy this time of year.

J Bromley

Response from resident to clerk email;

That's disappointing, it will be impassable by then with July August September and probably October growth still to come. Could you contact the land owners and remind them of their legal responsibility. Bridleways should have a 3m clearance. The trees are a potential danger so Mr xxxxxx should be advised.