

FULL COUNCIL APRIL 2025 – ITEM 19.2. BUSINESS PLAN PROGRESS

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Progress on Business Plan Objectives

Resurface play areas

DCM booked for Tuesday 6th May or Monday 12th if the weather is bad. All spoil will be removed from site.

2 parking spaces and 1 space in the village hall car park is required for a skip. The Clerk liaising with DCM regarding these requirements.

The Village Hall have been notified of the date.

Cllr Knight is available with myself to meet the contractor on site on day 1.

Staff will ensure that they advertise the closure of the play park. Works should take a couple of days.

Cuckoo Trail Enhancements

£15,000 has been set aside for enhancements.

WDC have employed a certified contractor to carry out the works and all checks with regards to birds nesting were carried out. As part of the scheme, they are not only looking to plant native shrub areas but also plan to plant 10 new trees.

Waiting for the contact at the WDC Assets Team to get in touch regarding costings for potential projects for the parish council as at 7.2.2025 and re-chased on the 3.4.2025

Website

The website went live on Tuesday 25th March.

Staff and Cllr Lane have been sent training videos and both staff are using the website quite confidently so far.

Landscape Sensitivity Assessment & Biodiversity Assessment

A site visit has taken place on Wednesday 2nd April with Cllr Billings and Lane present.

This is a separate agenda item where there will be a verbal update.

Emergency Plan

This has been left with Cllr Billings to format – it will then be sent to WDC for verification.

Now the website has gone live and other projects are underway, this will now become a priority. However, Year End will be completed first.

Oil all pc benches

Cllr Brockhurst informed the council at the January Full Council meeting that he would be oiling all the French oak benches once the moisture content allowed.

Repainting bus stop and bench in the high street

Cllr Brockhurst has checked them and said rubbing down wouldn't work. Hilary to contact Agrifactors to get a quote for repainting them. Cllr Brockhurst stated it might **not** be possible to paint on top of powder coated paint, but it would be very expensive to start from the beginning.

Hilary is still waiting to receive a quote from Agrifactors for the work.

Hilary has contacted a glazier regarding replacing the glass.

Monitor the culverts

Table of Culverts to be checked at the Full Council meeting to ensure the council is up-to-date.

Stiles

Resolved at March 2025 Full Council to set up an ear marked reserve for £6,000 so the council can begin work on this project.

Work on stiles will be stalled until the Year End process has been completed.

Project – Road signs and foliage

I have emailed the A267 Road Safety Group to state the parish council would not support any of their members cleaning road signs unless this has been agreed by ESCC.

I have received information from ESCC regarding the above which has been circulated separately.

I have contacted the A267 Road Safety Group before Christmas regarding the possibility of the pc giving the roadside cleaning group a grant if the relevant documents could be provided.

I have still not heard back from the A267 Road Safety Group.

Resolved at March 2025 Full Council to set up an ear marked reserve for £1,000 if the A267 Road Safety Group make contact.

Aspirations

Land for community use

The council resolved at December 2024 Full Council that donated land would be accepted dependent on conditions.

A meeting is being arranged with Trevor Scott shortly and land for community use will be discussed.

Youth Club – Clerk liaising with Heathfield & Waldron Parish Council regarding transport to the new youth centre. New council representative to be resolved at the annual meeting of the council in May.

Cycle paths, Allotments & Cemetery – No progress to date.