



WHITEHILL TOWN COUNCIL



AMENITIES COMMITTEE – 01st APRIL 2019

POND DIPPING EQUIPMENT

report of the Deputy Town Clerk

AGENDA ITEM 5.071

INTRODUCTION

The Hollybrook Pond Dipping Platform is now available for community use, and it is hoped that later in the year the local schools will be encouraged to “dip” to see the natural environment with the insects etc that live there.

In order to enable this, the Council will need to provide pond dipping equipment for use on site. Costs have been evaluated as shown :

Equipment	Quantity	Unit Price	Total
Plastic Trays Small (Heavy Duty)	6	£6.50	£39
Light weight eco nets 1mm mesh	6	£25.99	£155.94
Bug Pots	1 set of 10	£8.29	£8.29
Pipettes 3ml pack 10	2 set of 10	£0.83	£1.66
Pipettes 30ml	6	£3.21	£19.26
FSC identification guides - Waterproof	6	£4.99	£29.94
Telescopic pond net 1mm mesh	2	£26.66	£53.32
		Total	£307.41

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council purchase the equipment shown above, to be funded from the Hollybrook Pond Earmarked Reserve (Code 3935)

DVT Report to Whitehill Town Council: 1st October to 31st December 2018

LNR Summary

Staffing:

- JC had 5 days off, BF had 5, TR had 4 and AT had 7 plus Christmas holidays for all. All staff had their 6 month reviews. MC resigned on 6th October and JR started on 12th November
- 2 new Monday and 1 new Thursday volunteers joined

Who	Sessions	High	Low	Average
Monday volunteers	12	19	6	12 (11)
Thursday volunteers	10	8	2	5 (5)
Wednesday walkers	12	13	6	10 (9)

(Last report figures in ()'s for comparison)

Site Management:

Alexandra Park -

- Cleared area around ditch near allotments and a contractor dug ditch out
- One session scrub bash and burnt off holly brash piles at northern end
- Cleared overhanging trees at 30 Park Street and at allotments
- New boardwalk installed behind Savile Crescent (funded by WTC)

Ancient Meadow -

- Two sessions cut and burn willow from northern end plus cut back willow from fence line
- Checked all fence lines, replaced 4 posts and repaired 'Hampshire' gate and cut barbed near interpretation board
- Dismantled old enclosure and added 'willow screen' by new scrapes

Event Space -

- Cut rhododendron regrowth, added new log to 'horseshoe' and added to 'shoe tree'

Jubilee Park -

- Felled leaning silver birch at corner and tidied up car park area

Knoxs Pond -

- Installed interpretation board and felled willow and hazel stool
- Repaired two boards and leaf blew boardwalk

Riverside -

- Added to dead-hedge including new posts and coppiced surrounding hazel stools
- Cleaned off 3 timber bridges
- Leaf blew all boardwalks and bridges and cut back vegetation from Meadow View to 'duck race' bridge and removed graffiti from boardwalk

Walldown Monument -

- Three sessions cut and burn including bowl, SW ditch & bank, inner SE ditch
- Brush cut two NW outer ditches and bowl plus felled one large Scots pine and two small oaks at NE corner of mound (all with HCC rangers)
- De-nailed and burnt off old perimeter fencing

Other -

- Litter pick and cut back vegetation from whole length of Conde Way
- SSE contractors felled a number of trees under powerlines off Conde Way and Meadow View

Conservation:

- Five British White cattle from HIWWT arrived at the Ancient Meadow on 20th November
- Contractor added 6 scrapes in the Ancient Meadow and 10 bare earth areas in Alexandra Park
- Sightings included: Roe deer and lots of squirrels; Kingfisher, red kite & buzzard; hazel catkins!

Anti-social Behaviour:

- Garden encroachment at 39 Branson Road, investigations by Radian and WTC continue
- Barbed wire cut on Ancient Meadow perimeter fencing; removed six shot mallard ducks dumped in an ASDA 'bag for life' in Alexandra Park behind Branson Road

- 19 bags of rubbish, cabinet, Hoover, 2 bins, mop and bucket dumped at Conde Way car park. Reported to EHDC as it contained personal documents and they are investigating.
- Report of air rifle shooting in LNR/BI area
- Bottle run to Tesco's and four bags of cans to Hollywater school

Meetings & Training:

- Attended November Trustees meetings
- Site meetings with arborist contractors in LNR & BI plus with 18 Monument Chase resident
- Met with EHDC enforcement officer ref flytip at Conde Way car park
- Held interviews for vacant Community Ranger position
- BF & AT attended and passed pesticide course (PA1 & PA6AW)
- BF, AT & ND attended SDNPA ranger conference concentrating on 'Wild Fires'
- JC & JR attended SDNPA outdoor learning conference
- JC & TR booked onto First Aid refresher course in January 2019

Community & Education:

- JC/GD/MD/PC helped at WTP fireworks display
- Two joint Wednesday walks with SDNPA at various locations
- JC gave presentation to Broadway Park residents association in Petersfield
- Filled out online CMA Parks survey
- Put up SDNPA dog ambassador leaflets
- Press release for EHDC Cllr Carew funding of scrapes
- Layed hedge at Phoenix Centre behind new raised beds and pillbox
- Attended a very wet Blackmoor Apple Fair!
- JC & JR attended Community Trust Christmas event at Mustangs
- Christmas dinner with Wednesday walkers, Christmas BBQ with DVT volunteers
- Added new event flyers (Jan & Feb 2019) to LNR noticeboards

Whitehill Bordon Re-generation Project, Bordon Inclosure and working with WTC:

- Wrote and submitted WTC quarterly report
- JC, AT & ND attended quarterly WTC
- Attended meeting with WTC ref ditch at allotments and clearing trees
- Checked on new boardwalk work at Savile Crescent
- Met with WTC & Radian staff about 39 Branson Road garden encroachment into Alexandra Park
- Performed joint work party with HCC Countryside rangers at Broxhead Common on 30th October and Walldown Monument on 27th November
- Met with contractors from SSE and Thames Water

Grants & Funding:

- Received £400 from EHDC Cllr Carew for work in Alexandra Park and Ancient Meadow
- Received confirmation of S106 funding for Knox's Pond Improvements (£32,000) from EHDC
- Investigating potential funding from Woolmer Forest Mason's
- Received £38 from Broadway Park resident's association