

## Luttons PC Environmental Sub-Committee Report

### For the PC Meeting to be Held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at Kirby Grindalythe VH

**Note – This Report is an Update of Report No 33 which was Compiled for the Meeting scheduled to be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> November but had to be Postponed due to Extreme Weather Conditions**

Within the scope of the environmental sub-committee remit I report as follows on the topics below:

1. Rubbish i.e. fly tipping
2. Water Voles i.e. either in or out of the Gypsy Race
3. Trees i.e. either management or planting.
4. Village Planters and Benches
5. Dog Fouling
6. Parish Litter Picks
7. Grass cutting
8. Maintenance/Clearing of Gypsy Race
9. Maintenance of Parish Assets
10. Poor/dangerous road or footpath surfaces
11. Damage to any safety railings, e.g. over culverts
12. Flood prevention – gully jetting, weed removal, etc
13. Wildflower Area
14. Defibrillators

#### Item 1 - Rubbish i.e. fly tipping

There have been no reports of fly-tipping.

Evie Cade continues with regular litter picks. Her 'haul' over the last few weeks included the usual rubbish thrown from vehicles, several helium balloons and food remains of a 'meal deal'.

Just for information. Evie has undertaken her 'Litter Picking' duties since commencing her DoE three years ago and she has just completed her Gold. CONGRATULATIONS Evie.

I think we have to give our thanks to Evie for her efforts over the years – THANK YOU EVIE.

The hope now is that she will continue to keep up her litter picking efforts in the future.

All the best Evie.

#### Item 2 – Water Voles

Although the water level in the Gypsy Race is continually going up and down in accord of the amount of rain we have, and although the water tends to disappear after a day or so, the good news is that Water Voles (together with and their young of earlier in the year) have once again been sighted in East Lutton.

#### Item 3 - Trees

Nothing untoward that I am aware of.

#### Item 4 – Planters & Benches

At this moment in time, I have to thank all our volunteers for the hard work they put in to maintaining the planters within each of our villages. Many thanks indeed.

#### Item 5 – Dog Fouling

Nothing new to report here - but I guess the problem still persists.

#### Item 6 – Parish Litter Picks

Nothing to report. If anyone thinks that there is a need to organise a 'Litter Pick' just let me know.  
See Items '1' above.

#### Item 7 – Grass Cutting

With the hot summer we have been fortunate that the grass has not grown as much this year. This has been a bonus in that we have not had to have the usual three cuts throughout the year. We got away with only having one cut!!

#### Item 8 – Gypsey Race (GR)

You will all be aware that to date the vegetation within the GR between the Wintringham Road and the bend adjacent to Chapel Cottage has not yet been cleared. I have personally met up with the landowner and he has promised to clear that section very shortly. He is aware that the work must be completed before the end of January 2026. Any removed spoil will be deposited on the field side of the watercourse.

In addition, he will also flail along the section of the GR for which he has Riparian Responsibility on the south side of the Wolds Road between the Cowlam Road and East Lutton.

#### Park Lane – East Lutton

The same landowner has also promised to attempt to solve the problem of flooding at the northern end of Park Lane adjacent to the properties of Bramblewick, Park Lodge and Park Lane House. His intention is to construct a soakaway (on his own land i.e. within the field to the rear of Park Lodge). In turn he will create a grip from the roadside of Park Lane which will feed in to the soakaway. Fingers crossed that this will cure the current flooding issue in this area. This work is also programmed to take place within the near future. In addition, NY Highways will also be contacted to enquire as to whether they too can assist by clearing the existing grips within the lane or, if additional grips can be created.

#### GR Questionnaire

There are 50 houses in Helperthorpe.

In response to the questionnaire there were nine written responses plus one other 'verbal' response i.e. a 20% return.

On the basis of '*we will have to assume that any households which do not respond are happy with the current arrangements*', this means 80% of the households are satisfied with the current arrangements

From this it can be assumed that, from a PC perspective, the majority of the households are content with how things are and that no action is required.

#### Item 9 – Parish Assets

As mentioned in the last Environment Report we have to thank Stuart Bell for pulling together the Asset Register for our Parish. Hopefully Stuart is in the process of pulling together a 'maintenance schedule' for those assets.

#### Item 10 – Footpaths

Nothing to report.

#### Item 11 – Safety Railings

Nothing to report.

#### Item 12 – Flood Prevention

Nothing to report.

### Item 13 - Wildflower Area

The proposed 'Wild Flower Area' i.e. at the junction of the Wintringham Road and the Wolds Road; has now been sown. It has taken quite an amount of work: first it had to be re-sprayed to kill off the weeds (thanks to our Banksman for doing that), then it had to be rotovated (that was done by Richard Ogden), then sown and finally the sown seed 'rolled' in to the ground (thanks to Stuart Bell for that).

The weather was kind because, just after sowing, it rained.

So, hopefully, come spring, we may just be lucky and have a show of wildflowers.

It has been noticed recently that the area now appears to have a resident mole. We can only wait and watch!

A further update from Novembers Report – It appears that new growth is evident within the sown area and that the new plants may be Yellow Rattle. This, if they are indeed Yellow Rattle, is good news because this particular plant is a grass growing prohibitor – which, in time will help should the other seeds germinate (unless they have already drowned)!!

### 14 – Defibrillators

As you are all aware each of the villages within our parish has a defibrillator.

In Helperthorpe and East Lutton they are located in the old telephone boxes. In West Lutton it is located on the wall outside the Three Tuns public house.

Currently we have volunteers who regularly check the Helperthorpe and West Lutton machines, but the East Lutton machine is in need of someone to volunteer to keep an eye on it to make sure all is well. This is not an onerous task but one which will ensure that the machine is ready to be used should it be necessary. Training can be made available if required but is not really necessary as it is quite straightforward. Is there anyone in East Lutton prepared to volunteer please?

### Risk Assessments etc

I think it is time for these documents to be updated – not yet attended to.

MARTIN PEARCE – 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2025