

Luttons PC Environmental Sub-Committee Report No35 – Rev 2

For the PC Meeting to be Held on Wednesday 4th March at 19.00hrs at Kirby Grindalythe VH

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
15. Noticeboards
16. Salt Bins

Item 1 - Rubbish i.e. fly tipping

There have been no reports of fly-tipping.

Item 2 – Water Voles

There have been no recent reports of Water Vole sightings but that may be due to the time of year and the lack of water in the Gypsy Race.

Item 3 - Trees

Nothing untoward that I am aware of.

However, the Parish has very kindly been donated around 30 deciduous trees. If anyone has any suggestions as to where these – be that one or more - may be planted within the Parish please do get in touch.

If there are no suggestions coming forward then fear not, a home for these trees has already been found – they will not be left to perish.

Item 4 – Planters & Benches

After the last few months of almost continuous rain and cold, it is coming near to the time when the village planters will require some tlc. Thank you in advance to our team of Planter Maintenance People – it's a great job that you do for all to enjoy.

Item 5 – Dog Fouling

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

Item 6 – Parish Litter Picks

Many thanks to Jill Cade who continues to pick up litter and rubbish as she walks and runs around our locale. Thanks Jill!

If anyone thinks that there is a need to organise a general 'Litter Pick' within the parish just let me know.

Item 7 – Grass Cutting

We will be formatting our yearly plan for grass cutting over the next few weeks.

Item 8 – Gypsey Race (GR)

Many thanks to James Witty for the work he undertook to clear the GR between Chapel Cottage (West Lutton) right the way down to East Lutton. Thank you, James. A great job – and it looks really good.

People may have noticed that there is a small section of the GR on the section mentioned above i.e. just to the east of the Cowlam Road. This was not cleared because the land adjacent does not fall under James' Riparian Responsibilities.

The work that James has undertaken will, I am sure, help the water flow of the GR as it passes through West Lutton. Of course, that assumes that water will, some time in the future, once again flow along the GR through our part of its run to the sea.

Park Lane – East Lutton

Currently I am not at all sure as to what is happening with the local flooding on Park Lane.

What I do know is that NYCC highways have cleared out the grips.

However, I am not sure whether James Witty has been able to create his proposed 'soakaway'. I have no doubt that James will let me know when this has been done.

REVISION 1 N.B. – I am informed that the grips have not been cleaned out. Highways were working on the 'Lane' and I assumed (incorrectly) that they were doing the grips.

Item 9 – Parish Assets

As mentioned in previous Environment Reports, we have to thank Stuart Bell for pulling together the Asset Register for our Parish. 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 now sown 'Wild Flower Area' i.e. at the junction of the Wintringham Road and the Wolds Road; appears to be 'growing' moles rather than flowers! But perhaps these little critters might just help when it comes to making the ground more amenable to our objective – who knows.

In the meantime, as spring approaches, it will be interesting to see what transpires. Hopefully we will see at least some evidence that our efforts have not been in vain!!

14 – Defibrillators

The Parish is still looking for a volunteer to 'keep an eye' on the defibrillator located in the old telephone box in East Lutton. This is not in any way shape or form an arduous role and full training can be given. But, as mentioned previously, the 'keeping an eye' is more or less exactly that.

It makes sense that our 'volunteer' lives in the village – so if you are at all conscientious and care that this potential life saving facility is being 'looked after', we would very much welcome your assistance please.

15 – Noticeboards

People in West Lutton will have seen that the noticeboard on Hillside Way has been completely repaired.

We have to thank **REVISION 2** Alan Wilkinson for his work in restoring the noticeboard. Thank you, Alan – great job!!

16 – Salt Bins

I am pleased to let you know that NYCC Highways have provided a new salt bin on the hill that goes up to the entrance to the Old Manse for St Peters Church in Helperthorpe.

The Parish has had to pay for this bin, and the salt therein, but local residents are pleased that this is now in situ.

Risk Assessments etc

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

MARTIN PEARCE – 17th February 2026.