

## Luttons PC Environmental Sub-Committee Report

### For the PC Meeting to be Held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 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

No reports of any sightings of Water Voles.

#### Item 3 - Trees

Nothing untoward that I am aware of.

#### Item 4 – Planters & Benches

Thank you to all of our Planter Maintenance Teams – it's a great job that you do for all to enjoy.

#### Item 5 – Dog Fouling

Nothing new to report here.

#### 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

The PC has undertaken the first cut of the year -and a good job was done.

We will monitor how the grass grows through the summer and determine if/when a further cut might be required.

A point of note here: shortly after the grass was cut our Banksman (Guy Drabble) followed up with strimming work around fences, road signs, etc. A very good job indeed which, in my opinion, enhanced the grass cutting work. Thanks Guy.

#### Item 8 – Gypsy Race (GR)

As we are all aware, there is currently no water in the GR.

My view is that unless we get some serious amounts of rainfall over the summer period this situation will prevail. My reasoning for this is that although the subterranean aquifers may well have filled substantially over last winter, there was insufficient rain to completely fill them – hence no water now in the GR.

On top of that we have just experienced a period of hot and sunny weather during which those same aquifers will have been depleted further.

#### Park Lane – East Lutton

NYCC highways have now cleared out the grips on this road.

I have been informed that subsequent to this work, and following a period of some decent rainfall, the works that were undertaken had no effect. Water still collects outside Park Lane Lodge.

#### 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

NYCC Highways have recently cut a number of ‘grips’ along Sheepwalk Lane. Having had little rain it is difficult to know if they will have any effect on reducing any flooding where the lane meets the Gypsy Race. Time will tell. But at least NY Highways have been pro-active.

#### Item 13 - Wildflower Area

I am pleased to report that the wildflower area at the junction with the Wintringham Road does indeed have wildflowers growing!! Whooppee!! All the hard work we put in has been rewarded.

However, the area we cultivated for the project is not all covered with as many wildflowers as whopedBut more seed will be obtained with the hope that we can extend the area for next year.

#### 14 – Defibrillators

These are now all working and ready for use.

15 – Noticeboards

Nothing to report.

16 – Salt Bins

These will be checked before the on-set of winter and filled as required.

17. Risk Assessments etc

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

MARTIN PEARCE – 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026.