



Wheathampstead Parish Council

The Memorial Hall
Marford Road, Wheathampstead, Herts. AL4 8AY

23 October 2018

To Cllrs:

Cllrs J Booth, G Clark, L Halford, S Haynes, D
Johnston, R O'Brien, T Reason, P Woodhams
Other councillors for information

Notice of Meeting

You are hereby summoned to a **Meeting of the Maintenance Committee** to be held in the **Hewitt Room** on **Monday 29 October 2018** at **7.30pm**

Julia Warren

Clerk to the Council

Agenda

- 1 Apologies**
- 2 Public Speaking**
- 3 Specific Declarations of Interest**
- 4 Minutes of Maintenance Committee of 10 September 2018**
- 5 Report from Maintenance Contractor**
Detail of works undertaken, feedback on any issues encountered and ideas.
- 6 Work of rangers, open spaces management**
Ranger reports and recommendations for consideration.
- 7 Treework and vegetation management**
Update on other tree and vegetation works undertaken including at Melissa and dead wood removal in the Meads and Cherry Tree Lane
- 8 Hedgehog survey**
Report of 2015 Hedgehog survey including at Butterfield published 6 Sept 2018 attached.
The main conclusions from the survey are:
 - Hedgehogs were widely distributed across England and Wales but the overall occupancy was low, with hedgehogs only present at 21% of sites.
 - Hedgehog presence was negatively related to badger sett density. However, over a quarter (27%) of the sites surveyed had no badger setts or hedgehogs present.
 - Hedgehogs were also absent from >70% of sites that had no badger setts, indicating that large areas of the rural landscape are not occupied by hedgehogs.



- Hedgehog presence was positively related to the amount of built land within the survey square.
- Collectively, this suggests that a wider landscape management issue is affecting both these generalist species

9 Marford Pavilion

Consideration to refurbish the roof and windows.

10 ATP fence extension

The tennis club has asked that the south goal end of the ATP fence be raised to prevent footballs flying into the tennis courts. Quotations attached

11 Memorial Hall – emergency lighting

Report attached following annual inspection. The majority of the old emergency lights failed and require replacing. Quotation attached

12 Memorial Hall – hot water

The hot water cylinder serving the kitchen has suffered airlocks and has become blocked by age and hard water lime scale deposits, preventing hot water from running through the taps. Replacement is urgently required. This boiler is at the end of its life and over 20 years old. Recommendation is to replace boiler and hot water cylinder with a modern combi- boiler. This should in the long term be more economic as unwanted standing water is not heated, water is available on demand and it also feeds the central heating system through Hewitt Room and library corridor. Quotations attached

13 Wheathampstead water borehole

To report that permission has been given, and 5 year wayleave received for a borehole at Station sidings. A similar provision is to be made at Folly allotments

14 Environment Agency boom across the River Lea at the Old Mill

To formalise an agreement that the EA remove obstructions but Litterblitz volunteers have access to remove general debris which has accumulated.

15 Benches

Consideration to install bench at Rectory Meadows.

16 Dog gloves

A dispenser for bags to collect dog waste is situated on Butterfield Playing Fields near the pavilion. The supply of 16,000 bags, purchased in November 2017 has been exhausted. Recommend to purchase more dog gloves, estimated cost £500

17 Budget report

Consideration of outturn and initial plans for 2019-20 budget.