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11<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE**, you are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Lymington & Pennington Town Council's **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** which will be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lymington on **Monday 17 July 2023 6.00pm** for the purpose of transacting the following business.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Members of public may speak via video conferencing in accordance with the Council's public participation scheme on anything which is in the specific remit of the Council, at the beginning of the meeting. Any request to speak must be received no less than two clear working days before the commencement of the meeting. A link to the virtual meeting will then be emailed to the member of public. In certain circumstances, for matters which are included on the Agenda, they may be specifically invited by the Chairperson to speak when the Agenda item is called. In these circumstances they may only speak before members have started to debate the item. No member of the public shall speak for more than three minutes in total at any one meeting.

Members of the public may attend via video conferencing. Upon request, a link to the virtual meeting can be sent to the member of public.

The Council Chamber will be open to the public from 5.30pm with the plans from New Forest District Council on display from agenda items 5, 6 and 7. NFDC officers will be in attendance.

Please note that this meeting will be recorded.

Louise Young CEO/Town Clerk

## **MEMBERS OF PUBLIC MAY ATTEND**

## **AGENDA**

- 1. Apologies for absence
- 2. Declarations of Interest

To receive any declarations of interest on any items on the Agenda.

3. Public Participation

To note any matters raised during the public participation period.

4. Minutes of previous Amenities Meeting held on 5 June 2023

To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the previous Amenities Meeting.

## 5. Pennington Walking Route

To note report.

### 6. Grove Gardens

To consider the proposals from NFDC.

#### 7. Woodside Park

To consider the proposals from NFDC.

### 8. Requests for use of Council land

- Request received from St Barbe Museum Summer Holiday activities, Emsworth Road Recreation Ground. 1 – 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023. 10.30am- 3.15pm. Summer holiday arts and craft activities for children from 1 to 11 years. Mini Gazebo, table and ground sheets being used. Free event all welcome.
- Request received from V Wigeley to hold a bootcamp at Woodside Park on Wednesday evenings 5.30pm 8.30pm and Saturday mornings 6.30am 9.00am. Group fitness classes with equipment run by personal trainer with first aider on hand. To run until 14 September 2023.

To review and approve requests for use of Council land subject to compliance with the Council's Open Spaces Terms & Conditions and Town Clerk agreement, with overseeing from the Events Sub-Committee when appropriate.

#### 9. Next Meeting

To confirm the next meeting of the Amenities Committee will be held in the Council Chamber on Monday 4 September 2023 at 6pm.

**Members:** Cllr McCarthy (Chairperson & Deputy Mayor), Cllr Jearrad (Deputy Chairperson), Cllr King, Cllr Phillips, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Frost, Cllr Loveless, Cllr Humber, and Cllr Davies (Town Mayor).



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## Minutes of the Meeting of Lymington & Pennington Town Council's **Amenities Committee** held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lymington on Monday 5 June 2023 at 6.00pm

**Councillors** Cllr McCarthy (Chairperson) **PRESENT**:

Cllr Davies (Mayor)

Cllr Jearrad Cllr King **Cllr Phillips Cllr Loveless** Cllr Humber

Officers Louise Young, Town Clerk

Lesley Way, Deputy Town Clerk

No Member of Public / Press **Also Present** 

#### 1. **Apologies for Absence**

Received and accepted from Cllr Frost and Cllr Morgan.

#### 2. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

#### 3. **Public Participation**

None.

#### Minutes of Previous Amenities Meeting held on 11 April 2023. 4.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Amenities meeting held on 11 April 2023 be signed as a correct record.

Proposed by Cllr Humber, seconded by Cllr Davies. All in favour.

#### 5. Nominations to Sub-Committees directly accountable to Amenities

Resolved: That Members of the Sub-Committees directly accountable to Amenities are agreed as follows.

#### **Christmas and Event**

Chair: Cllr Phillips Members: Cllr Gray

Cllr McCarthy

Cllr Frost Cllr Loveless Cllr England

### **Play Areas and Open Spaces**

Chair: Cllr Humber Members: Cllr King

Cllr Lewis Cllr Phillips Cllr Brindley Cllr Frost

#### **Sea Water Baths**

Chair: Cllr McCarthy Members: Cllr Davies

Cllr Gray Cllr Jearrad Cllr Loveless Cllr Penson Cllr England

Proposed by Cllr McCarthy, seconded by Cllr Loveless. All in favour.

## 6. <u>Lymington Tennis Club</u>

The Tennis Club have requested to use the facilities at Woodside for additional dates during the court refurbishment.

Cllr England asked if the Tennis Club hold open days. The Town Clerk reported that once the refurbishment had taken place, she was sure it was something the Tennis Club would do to encourage more members.

Cllr Humber said that previously the courts had been available to the public. The Town Clerk report that courts were still available to book for free and you didn't need to be a member of the Tennis Club to do this.

#### Resolved:

That the Woodside tennis courts are made available to Lymington Tennis Club for matches on:

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July 1030-1300

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August 1300-1600

Saturday 13 August 1030-1300

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August 1300-1600

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 1000-1300

Proposed by Cllr Davies, seconded by Cllr Humber. All in favour.

## 7. Requests For Use of Council Land

Councillors discussed a request received from Lymington Mariners Rugby Club to use Woodside Park on 11 June 2023 11am – 3pm, for a free event for families of the Rugby Club (approximately 30 members) including a BBQ and Bouncy Castle.

#### Resolved:

- That the request for use of Council land be approved subject to compliance with the Council's Open Spaces Terms & Conditions and Town Clerk agreement, with overseeing of the Events Sub-Committee when appropriate.
- ii. That the Town Clerk has delegated authority to liaise with event organisers to amend dates of the proposed events as appropriate.

Proposed by Cllr Loveless, seconded by Cllr King. All in favour.

## 8. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Amenities Committee will be held on Monday 17 July 2023 at 6pm in the Council Chamber

Meeting concluded at 6.15pm.

Date:	Chairperson's Signature:
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# Pennington Walking Routes

Proposed improvements to footpaths, signage and accessibility.

For information

Project outline Version 2.

12th July 2023





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## 1. Introduction

New Forest District Council (NFDC) are required by Natural England to deliver a programme of recreational mitigation works across the district to relieve pressure on the ecologically sensitive areas of the New Forest National Park caused by increasing visitor numbers associated with planned residential developments, and in particular, increased dog walking. By enhancing local greenspaces and recreational amenities, it is anticipated that some recreation can be encouraged to take place closer to home and outside the National Park. This will also have an added carbon reduction benefit by reducing car journeys.

An initial list of 'Green Way' projects are included within the NFDC *Mitigation for Recreational Impacts on New Forest European Sites, Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)* in 2014. Improvements to public rights of way (PRoW) to the west of Lymington and Pennington has been identified by NFDC as a suitable recreational mitigation project.



(Above) Location plan.

## 2. Proposals

NFDC propose to undertake footpath enhancement works to the public rights of way (PRoW) to the west of Pennington and Lymington to create accessible, durable routes that be used all year. Paths will be resurfaced and drainage enhanced to ensure they are durable and dry. A section of boardwalk is proposed to the west of Efford Way where ground is wet. Stiles will be replaced with RADAR kissing gates or removed where no longer required to ensure access for all. Vegetation will be cut back to widen paths in line with HCC standards and signage proposed to enhance legibility.

The project consists of improvements to existing PRoW which connect Wainsford Road with Ridgeway Lane via Lower Pennington Lane, and in total measure approx. 3 km.



The northern section of the route starts on Wainsford Road and connects with PRoW 149/56/1 which runs along a gravel driveway. The proposed route, which follows 149/56/2, then heads southwards, through woodland to the west of Pennington Oval and Efford Way, passing Efford Lodge, Deneside Allotments, before meeting the A337 Milford Road.



(Above) Waterlogged path west of Efford Way to be replaced by boardwalk

The route continues approx. 60m further west, on the southern side of Milford Road with PRoW 149/81/1. This PRoW initially heads south, before turning westwards across a pasture field. The route then turns south and east to circumnavigate two sides of a pasture field before crossing a ditch and arriving at the roadway which leads to the recycling centre. Upon crossing the roadway as 149/81/2, and further ditches, the route heads eastwards along a farm track, 149/81/3. After passing Manor Farm House the route heads south-east before turning to the north-east and following 149/82/1 towards Lower Pennington Lane.





(Above) View west along 149/81/3 towards Manor Farm House. Drainage works, resurfacing and cutting back vegetation proposed.

On the eastern side of Lower Pennington Lane, the route follows PRoW 149/82/2 passing to the south of Oakhaven Hospice and Northfield Nursery. The route then turns south-east and follows ProW 149/83/2 to meet Ridgeway Lane.



(Above) PRoW 149/82/2 to the south of Oakhaven Hospice and Northfield Nursery. Vegetation to be cut back to widen path.

Following a discussion with LPTC it was agreed to add the link between Juniper Close and 149/56/2 to the project. Improvements are proposed to both ends of this section where vegetation is overgrown. No works are proposed across the open grassland. This is the only part of the route which crosses land controlled by LPTC.



(Above) Indicative footpath of crushed limestone





(Above) Accessible RADAR kissing gate. To replace stiles where a barrer is required.



(Above) Indicative boardwalk to be installed west of Efford Way

## 3. Signage and wayfinding

To assist residents and walkers with wayfinding we are proposing to include replacement and additional signage to match existing.





(Above) Typical HCC timber fingerpost

Interpretation boards are proposed at Wainsford Road and west of Juniper Close where 149/56/2 joins 149/57a/1. These will include a map of the local area and footpaths, emergency information, guidelines for behaviour, and some facts about the area. In addition, small roundels will be attached to existing fingerposts etc where they will aid navigation. When new developments that abut this route are built out, additional signage will be proposed to serve these new communities.





(Above) Example interpretation board and roundel



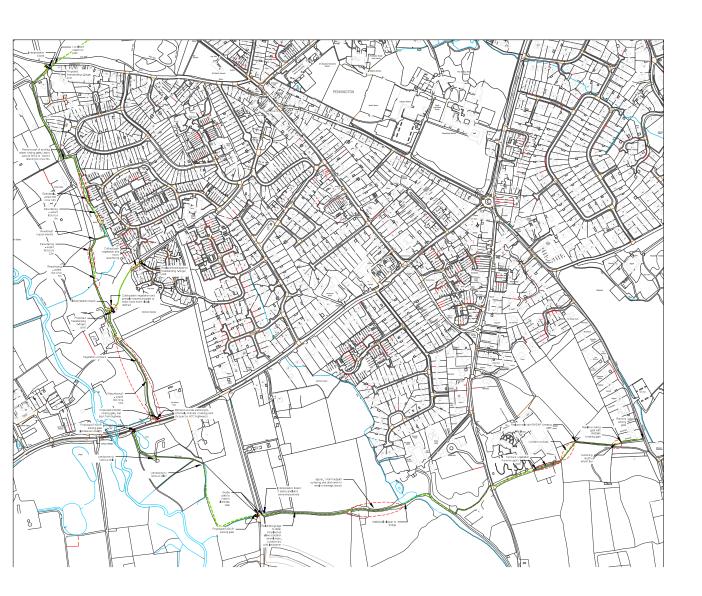
## 4. Delivery

Delivery of the project will be financed by NFDC from the Community Infrastructure Levy.

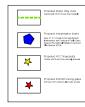
It is proposed that the construction work is managed by Hampshire County Council's Countryside Services Team on behalf of NFDC using contractors on their framework. The NFDC Environmental Design Team will provide oversight of the works.

## 5. Maintenance

Upon completion of the works the ongoing maintenance of the PRoW will be undertaken by HCC.







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## **Grove Gardens**

## Proposed improvements to signage, amenity, and biodiversity

Project outline

<u>Version 1</u>

3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023



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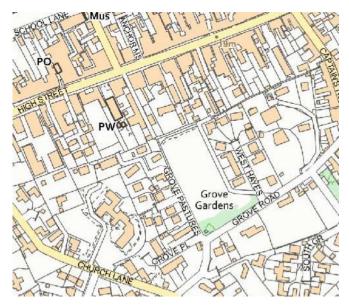




## 1. Introduction

New Forest District Council (NFDC) are required by Natural England to deliver a programme of recreational mitigation works across the district to relieve pressure on the ecologically sensitive areas of the New Forest National Park caused by increasing visitor numbers associated with planned residential developments, and in particular, increased dog walking. By enhancing local greenspaces and recreational amenities, it is anticipated that some recreation can be encouraged to take place closer to home and outside the National Park. This will also have an added carbon reduction benefit by reducing car journeys.

An initial list of 'Green Way' projects are included within the NFDC *Mitigation for* Recreational Impacts on New Forest European Sites, Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) in 2014. Grove Gardens was identified as an area that could benefit from improvements.



(Above) Location plan.

## 2. Proposals

NFDC are seeking permission from Lymington and Pennington Town Council (LPTC) to undertake landscape enhancement works at Grove Gardens and incorporate additional signage within the surrounding area.

To create a greater sense of openness and increase passive surveillance it is proposed to undertake works to some of the existing large evergreen shrubs which block views into the gardens. Some shrubs will be removed, and others cut-back or crown-lifted to allow views under the canopy. This will have the benefit of making the north-south boundary paths feel safer and less enclosed.









(Above) Existing evergreens at junction of Grove Pastures which enclose the footpath and restrict views of Grove Gardens, reducing passive surveillance and increasing opportunities for anti-social behaviour.



(Above) View south from north-east corner. Wide expanse of amenity grass with little interest or biodiversity value.





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(Above) View south from junction of Madeira Walk and Ashley Lane. No view of Grove Gardens is possible.

Views from the south will also be enhanced by selectively thinning shrubs to make the existing lime avenue feel better connected to the gardens in line with historic photographs.



(Above) Historic postcard showing Lime Avenue at south of Grove Gardens

Where trees and shrubs are retained, the understorey of grass will be allowed to grow longer throughout the year to enhance biodiversity and cut in late summer. In front to the retained shrubs and trees areas of enhanced species-rich flowering meadow and bulb planting will be planted to provide greater seasonal interest and enhance biodiversity by encouraging invertebrates and birds. Desire lines across the gardens will remain clear for walkers.









(Above) Enhanced flowering meadow mix

Proposed tree planting to the boundaries will help define the space and provide structure in addition to providing shade for visitors and further enhancing biodiversity. The species proposed is Tilia cordata 'Greenspire' (a variety of the native small-leaved lime) whose flowers are a food-source for bees and will echo the existing lime trees which form the southern boundary.



(Above) Tilia cordata 'Greenspire' showing spring and autumn foliage, and flowers

## 3. Signage and wayfinding

To assist residents and visitors in locating Grove Gardens and navigating to the other facilities of Lymington we are proposing to include additional signage to match existing. Two heritage-style metal fingerposts are proposed for the southern ends of Ashley Lane and Navarino Court and an additional fingerpost is proposed for the lamp post on Captains Row, opposite Madeira Walk (subject to permissions). The possibility of including an additional







sign at the junction of New Street/ Ashley Lane/ High Street will also be explored. Signage will point towards the High Street, Grove Gardens, and the Quay, as appropriate and will offer the opportunity to experience the characteristic narrow alleys and courtyards of historic Lymington.



(Above) Existing 'heritage' fingerpost at eastern end of High Street

Interpretation boards are proposed to the north-west and south-east corners of Grove Gardens which will include a map of the local area and footpaths, emergency information, guidelines for behaviour, and some facts about the area. In addition, small roundels may be used to help guide walkers to Grove Gardens.





(Above) Example interpretation board and roundel





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## 4. Delivery

Delivery of the project will be financed by NFDC from the Community Infrastructure Levy. The works will commence after LPTC confirm their agreement for the works to proceed.

It is proposed that the construction work is managed by NFDC using contractors selected via tender.

## 5. Maintenance

Upon completion of the works the ongoing maintenance will need to be undertaken by LPTC in perpetuity (for a period of at least 30 years) as set out in a no-charge Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between NFDC and LPTC.















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New Forest District Council - Environmental Design
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## Woodside Park Proposed improvements to Parkland

Project outline

Version 1

28th June 2023





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## 1. Introduction

New Forest District Council (NFDC) are required by Natural England to deliver a programme of recreational mitigation works across the district to relieve pressure on the ecologically sensitive areas of the New Forest National Park caused by increasing visitor numbers associated with planned residential developments, and in particular increased off-lead dog walking. By enhancing local greenspaces and recreational amenities it is anticipated that some recreation can be encouraged to take place closer to home and outside the National Park. This will also have an added carbon reduction benefit by reducing car journeys.

An initial list of 'Green Way' projects are included within the NFDC *Mitigation for Recreational Impacts on New Forest European Sites, Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).* Woodside Garden is an existing Public Open Space that has been identified as an area with the potential to be improved by providing enhanced recreational facilities for residents and dog walkers. In particular, the improvements identified include better signage for navigating the paths around the park, a new circular walking route with improved access for less abled visitors, an off-lead dog agility park, additional footpaths, repairs and resurfacing of some existing footpaths and provide additional areas and facilities for the community. The proposed facilities will not adversely affect the existing recreational and sport facilities, but rather enhance the overall site.



Figure 1 Location plan - Woodside Park and Gardens







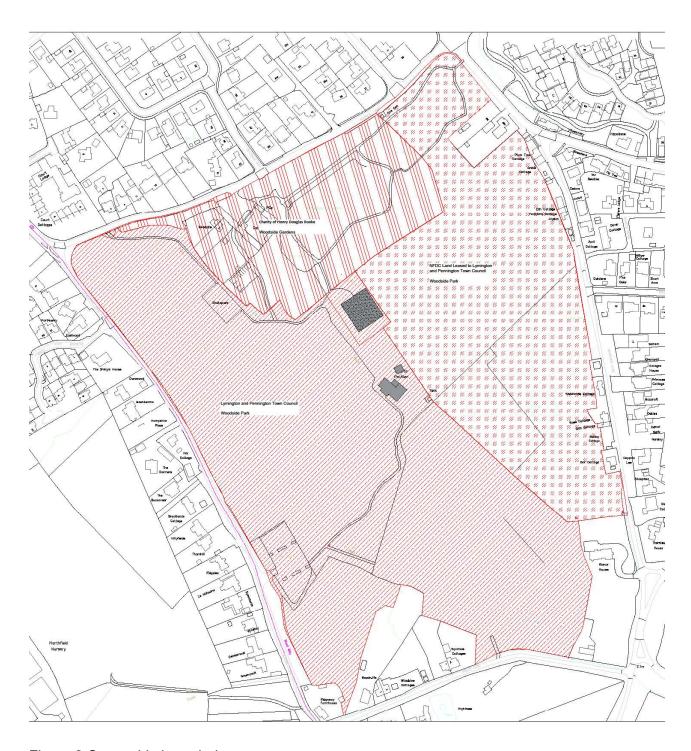


Figure 2 Ownership boundaries

## 2. Constraints

The Charity of Henry Douglas Rooke's land that forms the Woodside Gardens area will remain unaltered and do not form part of the proposals for this project.







## 3. Proposals

As part of the Woodside Park enhancement works, NFDC propose to repair and formalise sections of footpath around the park to improve accessibility and create a clearly signposted, step-free, circular walking route.



Figure 3 Circular Walk Woodside Park

This will necessitate improvement of the access gates along Woodside Lane. The current wooden gates along the boundary are unsuitable for pushchairs, wheelchairs and mobility aids. It is proposed to replace these with accessible RADAR kissing gates.











Figure 4: External gates

Figure 5: Internal gates



Figure 6 – Proposed accessible RADAR kissing gates to replace existing gates

The project will restore parts of the park that have become overrun with dense areas of brambles. These areas will be improved for the benefit of the surrounding communities through the planting of a community orchard.











Figure 7 - Area for community orchard

Figure 8 - Waterlogged ground

New interpretation board(s) will be located within the park. The board(s) will include a map of the park and its connections to the wider area, a guide to the circular route, emergency information, guidelines for behaviour, and some facts about the Woodside Park. Wooden marker posts and small roundels will be used to guide walkers on the circular route.



Figure 9 - Example interpretation board, wayfinding marker and roundel









Figure 10 - Example of hoggin path

Tree planting will be used to reinforce and improve the setting of existing landscape features such as temporary drainage ponds (SuDS) to the south-east of the site and hedgerows. They will also be used to provide shade for spectators watching sports as well as reducing the scale of spaces to a more people-friendly size. The proposed trees will be planted in rows to provide foraging and habitat corridors for invertabrates and their predators. To promote these ecological benefits a largely native planting pallette will be used.





## New Forest

## **Shade Corridor Trees**



Quercus robur (English Oak)

Alnus glutinosa (Alder)

Sorbus torminalis (Wild Service Tree)

Juglans regia (Walnut)

Castanea sativa (Sweet Chestnut)

## **SuDS Area Trees**



Acer campestre (Field Maple)

Betula pubescens (Downy Birch)

Salix pentandra (Bay Willow)

Alnus glutinosa (Alder)







## **Hedgerow Reinforcement**

Acer campestre

Malus sylvestris (Crab Apple)

Prunus avium (Cherry)

Sorbus aucuparia (Rowan)

## **Community Orchard**



Subject to approval by LPTC, the community orchard area will provide a chance for the surrounding community to take 'ownership' of an area of the park. The orchard will be mainly planted with a variety of species including apple, cherry and damsons. The areas beneath the trees will consist of wildflower meadow with mown grass paths to further enhance biodiversity.

## The dog agility area







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A dog agility area will be construced to the east of the site. This will provide a safe off-lead area for dog owners to play with and train their dogs. It will contain a variety of dog agility equipment to help owners improve their off lead handling of their dogs further mitigating the potential increased visits to the New Forest National Park.

The agility equipment will include:

- Weave Posts
- Hurdles
- Balance walks
- A-frames
- Tunnel

## 4. Delivery

Delivery of the project will be financed by NFDC from the Community Infrastructure Levy. The works will commence after LPTC confirm their agreement for the works to proceed.

It is proposed that the construction work is managed by NFDC using contractors selected via tender.

## 5. Maintenance

Upon completion of the works the ongoing maintenance will need to be undertaken by LPTC in perpetuity (for a period of at least 30 years) as set out in a no-charge Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between NFDC and LPTC. NFDC will prepare a comprehensive Management Plan for the scheme to assist LPTC.





