

Bench Working Party Report

21st April to 16th June 2021

Parish Council and Community

We finished the tarting up of the west end bus stop by giving it a second outside coat and an inside coat of stain. It looks good. Peters Green bus stop next. We fitted new bench slats to the bench at the top of the Rec near the bowls club. We fitted new posts and rails to the fence surrounding the Parkfield Rec car park, also did the same on the west side of the Horse Show field. This fence will need replacing in the near distant future. Meanwhile we can keep mending it. We also propped up the southern fence of the Horse Show field, just behind the new tree planting. We placed road scrapings from the Parish Council's stock at several entrances to field footpaths where puddling had developed. We also placed some scrapings on the steps at the top of Lloyd Way and at the steps at the south of the Cottage Farm field. We lifted up the southern swing gate in the Horse Show field to stop it dragging and did the same at the kissing gates at the north of the field.

We inspected two recently donate marquee type tents and stored them away. We checked over all the marquees in the container at the top of the Rec and tidied the container.

Benches were cleaned and stained all around the village. We fitted the two new Butt End Path signs, yes, at Butt End Path. We continued painting the estate fencing at the west of the cricket pitch. More to be done. We refreshed the play bark under the play equipment at the Rec, including laying two new bags of it. A tap leak was fixed on the allotments.

The trailer wheels were replaced as were the bearings.

A rather tired picnic bench, probably belonging to the tennis club, was taken apart and sanded ready for staining.

New elastic ties were fitted to the new football nets on the rec.

Church

We moved several bags of twigs from behind church House to Ben Cole's farm. We researched an appropriate new bench to replace one of the rotten Probyn benches, the Vicar has sought and obtained funding for this. We raised several graves from being buried in the ground. We reset the post guarding the corner of Church House, which had done its job, (a lorry?) but needed straightening up afterwards.

We cleaned off and stained the double "Johnson Gate" and fence at the NE of the churchyard.

School

We improved the willow classroom in the school play area.

Preschool

We designed, manufactured and installed a water wall and a 'lock and bolt fiddling' wall. We resurfaced the slide, making it super slippery. We made a new lid for the sandpit so it would (hopefully) be watertight.

Memorial Hall

We performed more PAT testing of the electrical equipment. Only the stage lighting and some of the Parish Room equipment still to do. We cleared the car park of weeds. New pots and plants were obtained and planted at the front of the Hall, and two older ones placed at the entrance to the Green Room.

A split rainwater pipe was repaired on the southern wall. The brick edging to the path on the northern side was cleared of weeds ready to be repointed.

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