

Report to	<b>Findon Parish Council</b>
Meeting Date	<b>17 March 2025</b>
From	<b>Councillor Paula Whitby</b>
Title of Report	<b>Update on Open Spaces</b>
Purpose of Report	<b>To Note/Ratify and Clarify</b>

## **1. Updates for noting/background**

### **1.1 Health and Safety**

- All chemicals/petrol cans stored in the Shed have been appropriately labelled.
- Five safety helmets purchased.
- Disposable gloves for managing chemicals and petrol purchased.
- Fire extinguisher installed in Shed.
- Cllr Whitby confirms that all necessary PPE has been purchased for all volunteer groups.

### **1.2 Working Party Work Schedule for the past six weeks**

#### **22/01/2025**

Clearance work on the A24 footpath [adjacent to the northbound carriageway] between Kingswood Stables and Muntham Lane at North End.

#### **29/01/2025**

Footpath clearance from Kingswood Stables to the Findon Roundabout.

#### **05/02/2025**

Leaf clearance covering each side of Nepcote Lane from the Convent Gardens junction to Summerfields.

#### **12/02/2025**

Clearance in the area of the Nepcote Lane/Paddock Way junction. Unblocking of several road drains along Cross Lane near the Holmcroft Gardens junction. Branch/hedge/leaf clearance at the Cross Lane/Steep Lane junction.

#### **19/02/2025**

Clearance work at Glebelands

#### **05/03/2025** and planned for

**12/03** Clearance of A24 footpaths between Findon Roundabout and the Black Horse [both sides of the road].

### **1.3 Additional Working Party**

Cllr John Wilson to imminently start/lead a new Saturday Working Party. Two volunteers recruited.

#### **1.4 Benches**

- Cllr Paula Whitby has a meeting with two builders on Nepcote Green 14 March 2025 for quotes to cement in two existing benches to the ground, in order to make them safe.
- Men in Sheds have kindly repaired/restored the following benches to date: One bench at Holmcroft Gardens, two benches on Pond Green, one bench at top of Steep Lane. The plan is for the bench at the Steep Lane/Cross Lane Junction to be next in line for renovation.
- Wyatt Bench on A24/Cross Lanes has been renovated by the owners.
- Owner of 1 Nepcote, has kindly offered to look at the bench at the lower end of Nepcote Green with the prospect of him renovating the bench, should it be considered restorable.

#### **2. Issues for discussion/ratification by full Council (if applicable)**

Risk Assessments. Separate Agenda Item for March 17 2025 Meeting