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| Report to         | <b>Findon Parish Council</b>      |
| Meeting Date      | <b>19/05/2025</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> |

## **Updates for noting/background**

### **1.1 New Group**

- A new Saturday Working Party Group started on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2025.
- The new group was mentioned in the Parish Council section of the May Edition of Findon News.
- Cllr John Wilson is leading the small team of volunteers.
- FPC sheds, and a bench have been painted. A fence between the Village Hall and the Pre-School has been erected.

### **1.2 Weds Working Party. Schedule of Work Completed**

12-03-25 Clearance of A24 footpaths between Findon Roundabout and the Black Horse [both sides of the road].

26-03-25 A24 footpath clearance, north and south of Church Drive.

02-04-25 Continuation of A24 footpath clearance, north and south of Church Drive.

09-04-25 General clearance and tidying work and watering at Glebeland.

16-04-25 More clearance work and mowing at the Glebeland.

23-04-25 Strimming and raking, helping Wildflower Group at top of Steep Lane. Also, clearance and tidying along High Street from Steep Lane junction northwards.

30-04-25 Extensive watering [in liaison with Trees Group and Wildflower Group] along High Street embankment and the Nepcote Green area and work on removal of hardcore and stones from the North Green bund to encourage grass growth.

### **1.3 Benches**

- Quotes have been submitted for Stephen King, Builder, to complete Health and Safety groundwork to some of Nepcote benches.
- The Sheep Fair have agreed to fund a concrete plinth for their bench on Nepcote.
- New memorial bench will be installed to replace a badly deteriorating bench on Nepcote.
- Steep Lane/Cross Lane bench is in process of being renovated by Men in Sheds.

### **1.4 Dog Waste and Litter Bins**

#### **New Purchases**

- New Dog Bin has been installed at the top of Cissbury.
- New Litter Bin has been installed at The Oval.
- New Dog Bin to be installed at the top of Stable Lane shortly.

**Changes to Existing Bins**

- Litter Bin and Dog bin have both been shifted slightly further away from the bench at Steep Lane/Cross Lane junction.
- Dog Bin on Pond Green has been replaced due to damage to the existing bin.
- Litter Bin at the bottom of Cross Lane to be swapped for a dog bin.