

Report to	Findon Parish Council
Meeting Date	19 January 2026
From	Councillor Paula Whitby
Title of Report	Update on Open Spaces
Purpose of Report	To Note/Consider

1. Updates for noting/background

1.1 Saturday Working Party

Work has been limited due to cold/wet weather conditions.

Wooden pallets have been donated and delivered by a local resident to Glebelands for the making of composting bins.

1.2 Wednesday Working Party. Work Completed From 26th November 2025 to 14th Jan 2026

14/01/2026

Clearance of soil and leaves on Nepcote Lane up towards Cissbury Barns.

Repositioning and refilling of salt bin by the Old Fire Station.

07/01/2026

Clearance of soil and leaves on the High Street by Findon Manor and Averys.

Clearance of drains at the bottom of Downview Road and cutting back alongside Cross Lane near Fox Lea.

31/12/2025 NYE

Basketball Court cleared of weeds, stinging nettles and debris. De-clogging of the saplings alongside the fence at the Village Hall. Clearance of a drain, and the roadside along School Hill.

17/12/2025

Clearance of a substantial amount of mud and soil from the road and drains at Old Cottages.

Clearance of some drains on High Street

10/12/2025

Clearance of leaves and mud at the bottom of Convent Gardens leading towards Paddock Way.

Clearance of drains in Stable Lane and a drain on Cross Lane by Fox Lea.

03/12/2025

Clearance of drains in Steep Lane and at the Steep Lane/Pond Green Junction

26/11/2025

Clearance of A24 footpath going northward from The Quadrangle.

1.3 Drains

- WSCC Highways have been requested to clear 4 gulleys on Nepcote Lane as they are full to the brim with debris. WSCC Contractors should have cleared these in November – Dec of last year. As these drains have not been cleared a reminder has been sent to WSCC Highways.

- WSCC Highways have made two on-site visits to assess drainage issues and possible improvements that could be made on the Horsham Road to prevent flooding at the site of the Community Shop and The Willows.

1.4 Memorial Bench

- A Memorial Bench is planned to be installed at the top of Nepcote Green in the Spring. This is to replace an existing deteriorating bench.
- This installation will complete the FPC planned programme of replacements/renovations of all 15 benches within the Village.

1.4 Road Sign

- A new road sign has been requested for Downview Road. This was vandalised and removed at the end of last year.

2. For Consideration

2.1 Dog Waste Bin

- **To consider purchase and the servicing of one bin to be placed at the bottom of the footpath that runs alongside Findon Manor Hotel**
- The request for the dog bin has been made by Findon Manor Hotel. Findon Manor have offered funding to purchase the bin. Cost to purchase and install is £296.55
- FPC will need to consider, if installed, the funding of the Annual Service Charge for the bin. Annual Service Charge (Waste Collection) is £298.93. (Cost will be pro rata to end of March 2026)