

OBPC Green Working Committee

Meeting 31st March 2025

In Attendance

Parish Council; Lesley Evison, Stan Burton, Noami Bailey

Green rights holders; Alison Frank and apologies from Sarah Dye

General public; Richard Lindner, Sally Honour

Minutes

1.	Review actions from meeting held 13th January 2025 The majority of actions were completed Outstanding: Continue to investigate cause of the blockage of the outfall drainage pipe for Otterman pond and make recommendations for resolution Stan has continued working on finding where the drainage goes and what is connected to what between Sunnyside Farm and Westview on the Green back towards the new barn conversion behind Westview. Biltons have done the first survey,needs jetting but busy so cannot do till July. We noted this should be done sooner so that when the new driveway goes in no further damage can be caused or claimed for. It was also noted that the whole system should be jetted towards the Stud which is behind to stop future problems. As usual 3 quotes would be needed for this. In the area there is also a ditch by the Churchyard.
2.	Cutting of the Green and Green matters Following a formal tender process EG Groundcare has been appointed to cut the Green. The first cut (all area's) will happen week commencing 21st March. Cutting plan for year to be published on GWC website and available on the PC website. For areas left to grow for the benefit of the wild flowers/nature, paths will be maintained to allow all access. The committee will monitor how the new cutting plan works this year and adjust next year if required. Council will continue to cut verges New posts and reflectors erected down Sunnyside and Reggies way. The area outside The Sheiling where erosion has been made good with topsoil to be planted with wild seed, kindly donated by Stan Burton. It was noted that as parking is now restricted in this area but there is increased in traffic parking by the Church and along the diagonal road leading to it. <u>NOTE</u>. OBHS will have parking for teachers onsite from the Autumn term so this should stop staff having to park on Abbey Road towards the school entrance.

	Further checks to be made to confirm all Wayleave payments have been paid to the parish council and ringed fenced for management of the Green. It was noted the pile of wood that had been left on the green since the ditch that runs along the high school was cleared has been removed and the area is expected to recover over the summer months It was noted that the OX & Plough has seeded the area where erosions had occurred by motorbikes using it to park on the Green PC AGM will be in June (date to be agreed) and the GWC will have a stall It was noted that
3.	Broken branches on the Jubilee Green Stan to get quotes to have them made safe
4.	Handyman reoccurring job list Naomi to provide updated list of jobs
5.	Sandbags by Ottermer Pond It was agreed that the sandbags at Ottermer pond will be covered in topsoil and grass seeded.
6.	Volunteers, Volunteering days and tasks
7.	Way of working and communication It was requested that working party members follow Facebook OBPC Green working committee The Chair asked that when she messages the members of the committee, as a minimum could they send an OK to say they have read and understood points made or add a comment so that chair knows that all members have read and understood the message. All members are to make sure they can access the GWC e-mail address and if necessary respond to messages.
8.	New email address and Facebook Page A face book page has been set up to improve communication with residents. This can be found by searching for OBPC Green Working Committee. The GWC now has an e-mail address which is gwc.oldbuckenham@gmail.com
9.	Public Participation on agenda items only Caroline Harrison attended as she had previously sent an e-mail regarding late cutting of the green impacting the wild flowers, She also kindly shared with the committee a meadow cutting plan. The committee agreed with her concerns and as part of the tender process plans to cut end March and then leave the main two areas until the end of July. Paths will be cut through these two areas'

10.	To consider items for next agenda On going cutting and Maintenance of the Green Tree survey and plan for tree maintenance Volunteering days and activities PC AGM Other agenda points may be added
11.	To confirm date of next meeting on Tuesday 20th May 2025 in the V.H.Memorial Room at 7pm
12.	

Actions

Action	Owner
Continue to investigate cause of the blockage of the outfall drainage pipe for Otterman pond and make recommendation for resolution	PC Burton
Send updated list of the maintenance jobs to be undertaken by Stuart Barker (Handyman)	PC Bailey - Complete
Check the wayleave payments have been paid into PC bank account and if any further payments due this year.	PC Bailey to speak with Sarah Dye
Topsoil and grass seed Sandbags and Ottermer pond	Richard/Stan/Sally
Update volunteering list and issue to GWC for consideration	Sally