

Rachel Lewis

1. Hadlow Down Community Centre

Nothing to report as no meetings held

2. Hadlow Down Village Hall

This week two Trustees resigned from the HDVH Board; one was expected and is stepping down at the end of November the other was not and is with immediate effect. This leaves the HDVH in a rather precarious position. The existing chair, Sally Blyfield, has suggested that the responsibility and running of the HDVH may need to fall to the PC until they can find new members to continue as a standalone committee.

Apart from a general email to hirers no wider advertising has yet taken place to request community involvement in joining the Board of Trustees.

The 2017 HDVH constitution states 'The Managing Trustees may decide the quorum necessary to transact business which, however, may never be less than one-third of the total committee or two members whichever is the greater'. Therefore, it could still operate with 2 Trustees and would need to robustly advertise in the village and outside for people to join the committee.

It maybe that an administration post could be paid for by applying for grants which would reduce some of the work load. This could be part time and sessional.

Peter Weston

Apart for Risk Assessment and SID there have been the 'normal' reports to ESCC re drainage, potholes, an unsafe pavement (currently 'In Progress') and the trailer issue (a trailer has been parked in a layby - as of today also 'In Progress').

Julian Michaelson-Yeates

(1) Delivered dog fouling notice to all residents in Wilderness Lane. Reportedly, no appreciable difference according to resident who made the initial contact with the PC.

(2) Met with owner of the field with the 3 oaks who wanted to discuss the reason why they were felled - they will be keeping livestock in the field (donkeys and goats and have been advised by the charity loaning the animals that they can't tolerate acorns). They did initially approach David Massheder for a felling license before they were felled but there was a misunderstanding at his end about what they were intending to do when they asked if it was OK to proceed.

(3) Chain sawed and cleared the fallen branches from the Houseman oak in Hut Lane that were shed in the recent strong winds. There look to be other branches that are very heavy, we need to get Houseman to undertake a tree survey. I will be obtaining his mobile number.

(4) Cleared the gully in Hut Lane as identified in the Quarterly Risk Assessment. Had to grind out and re-tap for new securing bolts.

(5) Completed the accessibility review for the web site, wrote an accessibility statement which is now on the website as per the legislation. The site is already WCAG 2.1 'AA' compliant which is where we need to be at this stage for the 24th September.



Ben Floyd

The Playing Field Committee have had a new path put in from the lower cricket outfield to the top corner of the football pitch. This will allow disabled access to the football pitch. They have also had the ditch dug at the bottom of the outfield to help to drainage from the football pitch.

The contractor has removed the tunnels in the play area.

The tree work has been rescheduled for the weekend of the 17th / 18th October due to the bad weather last weekend.

Bonfire night

There will not be an event held on the Playfield this year due to current guidance and legislation.

However there is planning for just a firework display (NOT on the playing field), this will give the village the opportunity to watch the display from their homes so not to encourage a gathering.