



Meeting Papers

Paulton Parks and Amenities Committee

19th July 2022

AGENDA ITEM 9



DOG FOULING

Background

During the Annual Assembly a couple of residents raised concerns about dog owners not taking responsibility for their dog's mess, as a result the playing fields often has a lot of dog mess. Suggestions were made about fencing off an area, however during the full Council meeting it was discussed that this would not tackle the issue and perhaps a plan was required to raise awareness and encourage responsible dog owners.

Additionally three residents have requested a dog poo bin at the bottom of the new housing estate along the new tarmac path. This area is not the responsibility of Paulton Parish Council and therefore we do not have the authority to approve the installation of a bin. Approval is required from BANES.

The purpose of this report is to consider a possible action plan to tackle the problem of dog poo and to consider the option of purchasing additional dog waste bins.

Current bin provision in Paulton

Please note that dog waste can be placed in litter bins.

Location	Number	Type	Responsibility
Memorial Park	7	Litter Bins	PPC
Memorial Park	1	Dog Bin	PPC
Wallenge Open Space	2	Litter Bins	PPC
Miners Recreational	3	Litter Bins	PPC
Miners Recreational	2	Dog Bins	PPC
Green Close	1	Dog Bin	PPC
Hallatrow Road Bus Stop	1	Litter Bin	BANES
Co-op	1	Litter Bin	BANES
Bloomfield Bus Stop	2	Litter Bins	BANES
Oaklands	1	Litter Bin	BANES
Plumptre Close	1	Litter Bin	BANES
Winterfield Road	1	Litter Bin	BANES
Plummers Hill	1	Litter Bin	BANES
Hanham Lane	1	Litter Bin	BANES
Paulton Hill	1	Litter Bin	BANES
Alexandra Park	1	Litter Bin	BANES
Total	27		16 PPC/ 11 BANES

Request to BANES

A request has been submitted in advance of this meeting to seek permission for the Parish Council to purchase and place up to two bins in the area as detailed below. BANES are not allocating funding for new bins and are putting more focus into tackling dog fouling under their [Clean and Green Campaign](#). They are currently employing an additional Education and Enforcement Officer and they are planning to carry out education and enforcement activity in areas where dog fouling is a high prevalence.



Considerations



There have been several incidents where we have received reports of overflowing bins, see image left. This causes complaints from residents, however on every occasion the problem has occurred due to people using the bin for general rubbish and causing a blockage at the top of the bin. This needs to be considered as overflowing bins will always cause more upset than no bins. Additionally officers should not be expected to regularly have to clean this up.

Additional dog waste bins do not create responsible dog owners, responsible dog owners will pick up after their dog regardless if there is a bin available, however bins along popular dog walk areas means they do not have to carry it for the duration of the walk.

Many areas are removing all bins, including many National Trust areas. People are asked to take their rubbish home and dog waste home to dispose of, particularly now dog waste can be placed in normal bins. If new bins are installed it is vital that there is the capacity to empty them regularly for the foreseeable future.

Summary

The committee need to agree a plan of action to tackle Dog Fouling.

Approval is required to purchase up to two dog waste bins at a cost of £425 if BANES give permission to install one or two new dog waste bins.



- 50 Litre capacity
- Ground lock fixing system
- Metal liner, this is important because if BANES take responsibility for emptying the bin they will not line it. If PPC take responsibility we can add a liner each time it is emptied.

AGENDA ITEM 10

Following the meeting in April where suitable locations for future tree planting was agreed, the ownership of the land has been explored and permissions have been requested. Please see below an update on each area identified.

Where the land belongs to PPC, trees can be planted now. A list of trees that are possibly ready for planting out will be bought to the meeting.



Plumptre Road by school gates.

Request to CURO 05/07/22



Littlebrook.

Letter to Woodland Trust 05/07/22.

Reply 12/07/22 – not their land – seeking owner.



Corner of Brookside/Bath Road.

Request to BANES Highway 05/07/22.



Badman Close.

Request to CURO 05/07/22.



Corner of Brookside/Bath Road.

Request to BANES Highway 05/07/22.



Corner of Meadow Road/Clandown Road.

Request to CURO 05/07/22.



Somerset Way

Request to BANES Highway 05/07/22.



Gregory's Tying.

Request to BANES Highway 05/07/22.



Hanham Lane.

Seeking owner.



Ham Grove.

Seeking owner.



Winterfield Park.

Letter to H Evans 05/07/22.

Reply to say not their land 12/07/22 – seeking owner.



Corner of Oaklands/Mendip Close.

Request to BANES Highway 05/07/22.



Plumptre Road opposite swimming pool.

Request to CURO 05/07/22.



Grenvale Road.

Request to BANES Highway 05/07/22.



Grenvale Road.

Request to BANES Highway 05/07/22.



Miners Recreation Park left of scout hut.



Miners Recreation Park right of Bowels Club.



Field of back of Miners Recreation Park.

Seeking owner.



Land in cemetery by allotments.



Wallenge Open Space.



Wallenge Open Space.

Agenda Item 12

MINERS RECREATION CENTENARY TREE

Background

Following a resolution in April 2022 a Crataegus laev (white hawthorn) tree was planted for the Miners Recreation Centenary.

It was decided to decide if a plaque was required once the tree had been planted.

If a plaque is approved then the wording will need to be agreed.

Options



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Summary

The Committee need to decide if they would like to place a plaque at the tree and agree the required wording.