

Report on Shooting Field tour by Cllr Sarah Sullivan and WSCC David Barling

Dear all,

David and I toured Shootingfield on Friday 28th June, primarily to inspect the pot holes and we discussed the additional items which had been raised in my email of 24th June copied below for ease.

I have highlighted the conclusions to the 6 points in copy email.

During the tour David explained it is dependant upon depth and not diameter whether a pot hole is deemed necessary to be dealt with. He took photos of any pot holes which he considered required attention and will pass them on to the relevant body.

We also inspected the narrow pedestrian entrance to Steyning Primary School (which runs over the ditch and leads off the footpath running behind the rear gardens in Shootingfield. We concluded that the removal of a redundant post/remainder of gate? would be of benefit to users and David took photos.

The footpath leading from the sheltered housing down to this pedestrian entrance is very bumpy as a result of damage from roots of trees in gardens. It is not possible to level the footpath.

Cllr Sarah Sullivan

Chair of Amenities

Dear David,

Further to my email of the 21st June and request to set up a meeting for a tour of Shooting Field to inspect the pot holes, a number of other issues have been raised.

The issues are as follows:-

1/ Shooting Field is on the main route but it's excluded from salt gritting in the winter. **SPC can request the area be included**

2/ Street lighting goes off at midnight in Shooting Field - along with most other areas in Steyning - can consideration be given to extending this time. The street lighting is okay in summer but the problem is when the clocks go back at the end of October. **Street lighting will be moving over to LED in the future which may result in it becoming possible to set the time lights are on/off - however at present this is not something which is possible.**

3/ WSCC have laid a type of slab crete in St Cuthmans Road to save the verge being ruined by cars driving on to the grass due to the narrowness of the road. Could consideration be given to the road around the large green on the right as you enter Shooting Field. There are deep ruts where the cars have had to drive on the grass because of parked cars. This is spoiling the area and is dangerous.

The large green is owned by Saxon Weald. SPC can write and request that Saxon Weald install 'grasscrete'.

4/ With the construction of the new class rooms at the school, the old huts are going to be demolished and this area made in to extra car parking. It has been suggested that students be allowed to park in this newly created car park to ease the parking problem in Shooting Field but I've been told students are not allowed to park on school premises ??? seems very strange. **David pointed out that 'we have no say' who the school allow to park at the site.**

5/ WSCC are continually being 'chased' to cut back the vegetation on the path between Thornscroft and Coxham Lane and the path behind the Football Club. Can this be diarised by the contractors so it avoids residents having to chase up all the time. **WSCC simply do not have the budget.**

6/ And, lastly the age old problem of overgrown shrubbery at the Cannons Way junction with the by-pass. **I have today forwarded the email from Tom King who does not consider the overgrowth needs any action! David however was not in agreement and will further monitor.**