

Meadfleet Walkabout - Spring 2019

With: Emlyn Craven, Regional Manager Meadfleet and FHVRA (Scott Roberts & Martin Dower) on 2nd April 2019

Aims: Review phase 2 handover and progress on phase 1 items

Walked the village, reviewing the existing Phase 1 maintenance, noting some of the improvements made to beds and borders plus an outline of what's outstanding.

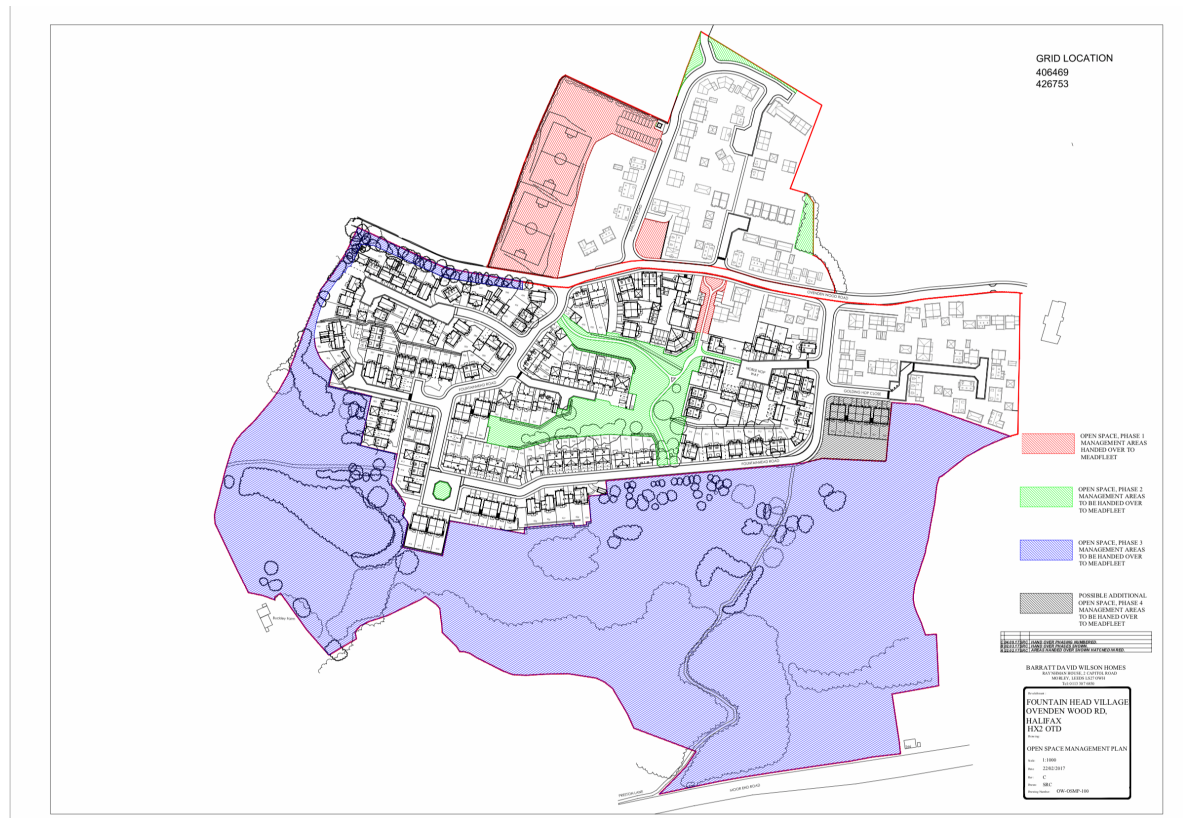
- Seeding the drainage construction work in the park (DWH)
- Replenishing soft bark and improving slide landing zone (MF)
- Fixing wall at top of park (MF)
- Establish the plan for the "wild steep area" just behind the top side of Fountainhead road. (DWH/MF)
- Addition of wild flowers, bulbs and general planting is planned within the scope of the existing maintenance contract - there is a cost for materials (MF)
- The state of dog fouling in the park was raised by MF and it was suggested a "dogs always on leads" policy introduced and getting the council involved to prosecute offenders. Need to discuss the options and create a plan (FHVRA: MD)
- Agreement for the future of the ghost site on Fountainhead Road. Site needs tidying up and opening up to allow access (DWH)
- Confirmed appointment of a local contractor (Elite Garden Maintenance of Ovenden) as new "Soft Landscape Contractor" starting April (MF)
- Phase 2 handover process starts in April between DWH and MF with Emlyn and Steve Corcoran doing the first walk-around where Emlyn will highlight the areas that need to be addressed before MF will take them over. (MF/DWH)
- The projected increase in management cost per house after the phase 2 handover will be £2pm (£25pa). Emlyn is to provide a scope of the Phase 2 additional work (the areas it covers is attached elsewhere). Increased frequency of visits seemed to be part of this (MF)
- The Bat House was discussed, MF explained we'd need ordered demolition after approval from planning (FHVRA: SK)
- Phase 3 was touched on but discussions were set aside for later on this year. (TBC)
- The roundabout on Fountainhead road was discussed, including the option of planting water consuming trees. Subsequently this was objected to by the immediate neighbours (FHVRA: SR)

Paths and Pavements

FHVRA sought clarification of where the responsibility for maintenance for paths and were advised that **none** of the paths or pavements were covered by MF, they were the responsibility of the DWH, the council and/or individual home owners. Broken steps and damaged paths therefore need reporting to the council via <https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/transport/roads/request-report/report-pot-hole.html> We suspect there is more to this situation than meets the eye as we have had conflicting advice and communications previously plus MF have in the past repaired them

Recommendations/Actions

- Attend the DWH/MF phase 2 walk-around (FHVRA: ?? pending date)
- Start a centrally-managed FHVRA management snagging list that residents can add to (FHVRA: JT)
- Roll-in previous walk-around notes (FHVRA: MD)
- Dog Fouling discussion at the next committee meeting (FHVRA: ALL)
- Walk-arounds every 3 months to review progress and highlight new issues (ALL)
- Publish a revised scope of works (FHVRA: JT)
- Resolve ownership and responsibility for every pathway in the village (FHVRA: JT/SK)
- Discuss shared driveways and walls (FHVRA/DWH/MF)
- Publish Phase 2 map on website - green areas (FHVRA: MD)
- Publish walkabout notes on website (FHVRA: MD) and FB (SR)



NOTES:

Red: Phase ONE: Already handed over

Green: Phase TWO: Due to be handed over

Blue: Phase THREE: No fixed plans yet but is coming over