

JUNE 2026 MEETING REPORTS

MITRE FIELD

6 companies contacted to quote for new path on Mitre field connecting the track to the car park 2 quoted, 7 options presented between them

Contractor 1

- 1) Tarmac path, block paved edges
- 2) Self binding stone wooden edges
- 3) Block Paving
- 4) Porous plastic infilled with stone

Contractor 2

- 5) Tarmac with wooden edges
- 6) Tarmac with concrete pin kerbs
- 7) Tarmac with block paved edges – same as option 1

Not in a position to vote on best option yet – confirming with Clerk the process

Contacted C&K re additional track works to improve start area, exit ramp and overcut return (where riders have been jumping back across the track) – waiting to hear of date for site visit

Asked Contractor 2 to quote too as Tarmac expert and has built pump tracks - not quoted yet

Met grounds maintenance contractor and went through all the gardening jobs – awaiting quotes and for a Gate between the mitre and adjacent path (where the fence has been broken down). They will not do benches

Spoke to some users of the field re play equipment. Current stuff is fine if shabby. Would like to see the following: Merry Go Round, Zip Wire, Suspended spider rope that many kids can hop on and it spins round, Stepping Stones / balance area, Cargo net to climb, Sample size 4 parents

Met Chair on site and looked at Benches – Clerk getting quotes

FLOODING

The window for applications for funding for Natural Flood Management (NFM) from DEFRA is open between 1 July – 31 August 2026. We understand that RPC would be eligible to apply for funding. Councillor Hess has received details from the Environment Agency and will determine what is needed to submit a bid and develop a case for funding. He will try to engage TRT and DCC in the bid.

HERITAGE AND FOOTPATHS

Repton Cross- paving needs to be repaired hopefully before Repton in Bloom assessment day.
Bus Shelter next to Boot Hill- lights fitting still outstanding.

Bridleway from Well Lane to Burton Road- decision to be made about our response to safety concerns over cattle grazing on it.

Walk- please join us on Friday 12 June ,10am, at The Square to go through Mt Pleasant along to Robins Cross, Milton and back. If it's a scorcher I will suggest via email that we commence at 9am.

EMIP UPDATE

There was a Teams meeting of the EMIP Community Forum on the 27th May 2026.

This was attended by 2 from the EM Freeport, 1 from DCC and 4 from Parish Councils.

The Freeport Business Plan has been agreed by the Board and the update to the Strategic Infrastructure and Contributions SPD should be complete by the end of June 2026. There is pressure to complete the approvals required to enable the first phase of the work to start on time so firms planning to use the sites can build their facilities and get the approvals to operate as Freeport units within the government timescale requirements. It is hoped to provide the next Forum with an update of the progress. The major road traffic concern is with Junction 24 of the M1, currently one of the most heavily used junctions on the national road network, and apparently improvements to the intersection will only cause more traffic!

Investigation work is ongoing at the EMIP site and discussions with Toyota on mutual concerns are also taking place. The natural diversity assessments will cover the rest of the year.

The potential for the site to accommodate a Solar Farm to relieve the pressure, given the number of current applications in the local area, was raised as a concern by one Parish. The nearness of the existing Switchyard at Willington is seen as a driver for applications.

I raised the current local traffic concern and the potential impact of the workers at the EMIP would have (included in our response to the SPD consultation). This was endorsed as a real concern by the other Parishes and the current involvement of our County Councillor was highlighted to the DCC representative. The Freeport attendee noted the concern and the need for it to be addressed.

On the 24th July there will be an Open Public Meeting (virtual) at which the Freeport Board will give an update on the 3 sites. Questions will be able to be placed prior to the meeting as well as at the meeting. The logistics are currently being arranged.

THE DALES, FISHER CLOSE COMMUNITY UNIT AND RESUS, DEFIBS!!

The Dales. Not a great change. I think it is fair to say that building has started.....but waiting for the sod to be cut.

Fisher close still held up by planners in SDDC who are writing their project plan to present to the SDDC cabinet. very slow...may need the help of our resus team!

The EMAS are going to do the training, and I am meeting their trainer on June 23 at 10 am. It seems that Flood wardens, CIG and RVH and possibly the St Wystans church may all get a look in . There will be a certificate of attendance given out but no formal First aid qualification.

We have the agreement for siting 2 defibrillators one on the Mount pleasant Inn and the other on Repton Dental surgery wall. The next phase will require more money so may have to wait till 2027 budget.