NEAMES FORSTAL AREA WALK AROUND JANUARY 2024
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Station Area

- Low level lighting or lights in ground along the station approach.
- Painting all of the railings (previous painted dark blue SE Railway, grey Network Rail).
- What to do with area where old station building was.
- Over the bridge, rubbish is thrown over platform railings into vegetation.

Selling Road

Would be useful to have a map of who has responsibility for the various grass areas, verges and alley in the Neames Forstal area – KCC/SBC/Southern Housing.

- Check who is responsible for two verges either side of entrance to Neames Forstal.
- Silver birch tree on verge next to no 1 Neames Forstal – 1 lower branch was cut back two years ago, other branches need cutting back.
- It is thought that SBC were maintaining right hand silver birch verge, the left hand verge KCC Highways mow to the right of the bin and SBC mow to the left of the bin. Is this in fact correct?
- The bin is at an angle on the verge slope, needs to be set in flat into the verge.
- Who maintains the verge from the cut verge towards Monica Close verge? It is overgrown, pavement needs sweeping, broken wooden fencing, abandoned Heras fencing.
- Neames Forstal name signs need cleaning, removal of graffiti, new T junction sticker.
- Fence and posts of 4 Woodgate Cottages on alley need repairing.
- New metal barrier needed at bottom of alley.
- Footpath ZR 651 that runs from the alley through fields towards the Swire property – could there be signs at each end indicating the walking route from one end of the village to the other?

There is concern locally that the farmers have made the surrounding agricultural land unattractive but that what the farmers have done is quite within their rights. The farmland along from Neames Forstal where the windbreak trees have been removed and the roadside hedge has been replaced with barbed wire fencing - is a new hedge going to be planted? Along footpath ZR 651 barbed wire fencing has been erected – not very user friendly. Could the PC discuss with the farmers their future plans?