

FOUR MARKS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Open Space Committee Held on Wednesday 4th June 2014, commencing at 8.10pm At the Village Hall, Four Marks

Members Present: Cllrs A Tomlinson (Chair), W Howsego
Attending: S Goudie (Clerk), Cllr Sensier
Apologies: Cllrs Brake and Foster

OPEN SESSION:

As there were no members of the public present, no open session was held.

14.17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Brake and Foster

14.18 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was agreed to defer the election of Chairman until the next meeting due to lack of Committee members present. Cllr Tomlinson continued as the current Chairman.

14.19 MINUTES

a) **Minutes.** As there were two members short and Cllr Howsego did not attend the previous meeting, it was agreed to defer the approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd April 2014 until the next meeting.

b) **Matters Arising:**

The Clerk confirmed that the signs were still awaiting action but that a new one would need to be added to the list, details to follow on the, and Eddie Hodkin, the Oak Green caretaker had not yet been approached to tend the raised beds. Both would be actioned before the next meeting.

14.20 ONGOING ISSUES/PROJECT UPDATES:

- Cemetery. The water has now been diverted and the members would like to extend their thanks to the Contractor for an excellent job. Clerk to email Contractor to convey the Parish Council's thanks. The next stage is to remove the central fence line and then re fence the corner and remove the chain link and security fence panels. A gap is to be left for pedestrian access for safety.
- Swelling Hill Pond. No update, but the members would like to thank the Angling Club for all their hard work in keeping the pond and surrounding area well cared for.
- Badger Close. The Clerk advised of the encroachment to the rear of 28 Badger Close, and that the occupier had contacted her and apologised, it had been unintentional and would make good at their earliest opportunity. The Clerk also advised of a couple of other issues with reference to the South Badger run, including rubbish and potential damaging over growth. Scott Stewart has already removed the rubbish, and a contractor (Tom Gray) has been appointed to remove overhanging branches. A reminder letter to be sent to all residents of Badger Close reminding them of their responsibility with reference to the Badger run.
- Kingswood Copse. A concern had been received over the regrowth of the Japanese Knotweed in the Copse. Hampshire Woodlands advised that although it

was treated last year there would a small amount of regrowth and this would be addressed in the Summer. Residents to be sent an advisory notice.

- Recreation Ground. The Clerk confirmed some remedial tree works had been completed, no further breaches had been noted over the horse riding on the ground, although a small fire had been lit on the cricket pitch. There were no new issues. The Clerk confirmed she had organised a meeting with the owner of the ransom strip to discuss tree concerns in the 'strip', and that she was still chasing Barratts over ownership of the Allotments and Open Space area.

14.21 NEW ISSUES

- ROSPA Inspection. The Clerk confirmed that the ROSPA inspection had gone well and that they had recognised the improvements and this was acknowledged in the report. However, there were a few minor issues to address. The new piece of equipment passed only because it was damaged (the hoop would have been too low) and we have been advised to erect a disclaimer notice on the new equipment, it was agreed not to re-instate the basketball hoop and to replace the old one next to the tennis courts. Remedial works are required to the gate, together with a couple of other minor issues. Scott Stewart is aware of the issues and has been instructed to rectify accordingly.
- Land at Telegraph Lane. The Clerk confirmed that Cllr Turner had made progress in land ownership and that he was taking the lead on this issue. Storey's Sanctuary. The Clerk confirmed that this was the next project, and to try and register the land under the ownership of the Parish Council, and had made contact with EHDC to get advice.
- Hazel Road. The Clerk reported of a request from a resident backing on to the open space about how we can together change this area and improve it for all concerned. It was agreed that the Clerk should set up a meeting with EHDC and the residents to come to some mutual agreement.
- Mowers. The Clerk confirmed that the mowers were being serviced, but was going to use up all of the last three years amount which had been budgeted. It was agreed that the Contractor would use and maintain the equipment for this season, but would be considering seeking agreement in the Autumn to sell the equipment.
- Lymington Green. The Clerk advised that SSE had been contacted with reference to the brush left after storm works on the Green, they informed her that it was landowners' responsibility to clear the debris and she had subsequently had instructed the grass contractor to remove. A site meeting had taken place with reference to the installation of the War Memorial.

14.22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 6th August 2014, venue to be confirmed, to follow Planning Committee.

14.23 Meeting closed at 9.05pm

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Chairman