

FOUR MARKS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Open Space Committee Held on Wednesday 3rd December 2014, commencing at 8.35pm At the Benian's Pavilion, Four Marks

Members Present: Cllrs A Tomlinson (Chair), Cllrs J Foster, T Brake and W Howsego
Attending: S Goudie (Clerk)
Apologies: None

14.38 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

14.39 MINUTES

- The Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 4th June 2014, were proposed as a true record by Cllr Tomlinson, seconded by Cllr Howsego, and signed by the Chairman.
- The Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 6th August 2014, were proposed as a true record by Cllr Foster, seconded by Cllr Tomlinson, and signed by the Chairman.
- The Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 1st October 2014, were proposed as a true record by Cllr Brake, seconded by Cllr Howsego, and signed by the Chairman.
- **Matters Arising:**
 - The Clerk confirmed that, to date, no further progress had been made on the registering the various parcels of land, but that this would now become a priority.
 - Christmas lights have been purchased, Cllr Tomlinson offered her thanks to both Cllrs Foster and Howsego, and all involved with the installation of the tree and lights.
 - New Four Marks Flag; the Clerk confirmed that the designs were still awaited from the school, and agreed to chase. Festival Committee have agreed to purchase the new flag.
 - The Clerk confirmed that the machinery had been sold, and reported that the Football Club had intimated that they may be interested in mowing the whole pitch area, but for a charge. It was agreed that as we have a contractor in place that, unless they were just offering to do the additional areas as part of their own cutting, then we would continue with the contractor as agreed.

14.40 ONGOING ISSUES/PROJECT UPDATES:

- Swelling Hill Pond. Cllr Tomlinson confirmed she had been in touch with Craig Matthews, who advised that the second Siltex addition would take place shortly, all appeared to be going well. It was suggested that, should the Angling Club put in a request to restock the pond, that the Parish Council should keep some money in reserve for this purpose as the de-silting costs, were currently minimal.
- Badger Close. The Clerk confirmed that a wind-blown tree which had come down in the North run on an adjacent property's new fence, had already been removed. The Clerk presented a proposal to add some more appropriate trees to the Orchard area, and removed the dead ones. It was agreed unanimously to go ahead as per

Hampshire Woodlands proposal for a total amount of £340.00 + VAT, which would come out of the appropriate fund.

- Oak Green. It was agreed that urgent attention was now required to the flower beds and, following an enquiry made by Cllr Turner, it was agreed that the Clerk should contact Gemini Landscapes to set up a site meeting. Cllr Foster confirmed that all the bollard light bulbs had blown and 3 in the clock tower. Clerk to purchase, Cllr Foster agreed to fit.
- Lymington Bottom Triangle. The Clerk presented a proposal for additional paving around the war memorial, it was agreed that it was not viable at this stage. It was agreed to hold a site visit, to coincide with the Oak Green visit to decided where the benches, flower bed and rubbish bin should be situated.

14.41 NEW ISSUES

- Recreation Ground and Uplands Lane.
 - It was agreed at Full Council to go ahead and make the proposed upgrade to the drainage system by introducing a second chamber and annually removing the sit. Cllr Thomas has since written another email to Charles Church asking them to, once again, resurface Uplands Lane as a goodwill gesture.
 - The location of a proposed adult multi-gym was discussed. The Clerk confirmed she was still trying to contact the adjacent land owner to see if he would sell the portion of land to the Parish Council to enable and remove all the overgrowth to open up the skate park area, and potentially locate the equipment there. Alternatively it was suggested that the small area between the Bowls Club and the Tennis Courts would be a more suitable location. The Clerk agreed to speak to a local Parish who had recently installed similar equipment, get some prices and ideas and prepare a report for the next meeting.
- Open Space Complaints:
 - Cemetery graves. A complaint had been received about someone who has fenced an ashes grave so that it was difficult to maintain the adjacent plots, it was agreed to contact the relatives and ask them to politely remove it and remind them of Cemetery regulations.
 - A complaint about adults using the children's recreation facilities for personal gym sessions and other misuse of the area. The Clerk has spoken to the people concerned and they have agreed to comply with the rules.
 - Two reports have been received with reference to hedge encroachments onto footways, the Clerk has the details and agreed to write the residents concerned.
- Infrastructure 'wish list'.
 - It was agreed to circulate the current infrastructure wish list to all Councillors, and ask for any additional requests for submission to the District Council so that they have a record of all potential requirements for appropriate allocation of Developers Contributions.

14.42 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 4th February 2015, venue to be confirmed 4th, to follow Planning Committee.

14.43 Meeting closed at 9.35pm

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Chairman