

FOUR MARKS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Open Space Committee Held on Wednesday 1st April 2015, commencing at 8.40pm At the Benian's Pavilion, Four Marks

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

OPEN SESSION:

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

15.07 OS APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Brake and Howsego

15.08 OS MINUTES

- The Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 4th February 2015, were proposed as a true record by Cllr Foster, seconded by Cllr Tomlinson, and signed by the Chairman.
- **Matters Arising:**
The Clerk confirmed that the deeds were now with Land Registry for the parcels of land owned by the Parish Council that had not yet been registered.

15.09 OS OPEN SPACE – AREA UPDATES:

- Oak Green. The design of the flag has been agreed, and Cllr Foster has agreed to progress with the Hampshire Flag company. Eddie Hodkin is doing a great job, with the keeping tidy and spring planting. Signs have now been received but are still to be erected and additional Christmas lights to be purchased. Clerk to get two additional quotes so that the new Parish Council can agree and move on with the refurbishment programme.
- Lymington Bottom triangle. Two new benches have been ordered, and received, and a new bin purchased. Two new shrub borders to be added, and subsequent to the meeting it has been confirmed that Garthowen are going to design and provide the shrubs, together with the Rotary Club. It was agreed as this area has now become a very aesthetically pleasing focal point for the village it would be an appropriate time to apply for Village Green status. Clerk to approach HCC for approval.
- Recreation Ground
 - Adult Multi gym equipment. One quote had been received and it was agreed that two further quotes should be applied for, then an application for Developers Contributions to progress this initiative as soon as possible.
- Swelling Hill Pond. FM Angling Club are organising working parties to start maintenance work on the pond and more Siltex to be added soon. Congratulations were to be given, by Minute, to both the working parties and our open space Contractor as the pond area is looking very good.
- Kingswood Copse. Clerk is to check the next proposed works imminent on the three year maintenance programme, and confirmed that there was a new sign to erect. Scott Stewart to be approached to only strim one pathway through.

- Badger Runs, Sett, Dell and Orchard. The Clerk confirmed that the developer had confirmed they had instructed a solicitor to carry out the official transfer for the Orchard. The Clerk also advised that yet another email had been received on concerns over trees in the badger run, and it was agreed that maybe an article in the Four Marks News stating how the Parish Council are maintaining the corridors to give a better understanding.
- Footpaths. New footpaths officer to be appointed at the first Full Council meeting, nothing further to report at this time.
- Open Space signs. Signs all received just awaiting contractor to put them up, at the recreation ground, Oak Green and Kingswood Copse, although the Clerk reported it had been suggested by a resident that we should put an advisory sign up at the entrance to 'Storey's Sanctuary' but this needs to be discussed following the outcome of HCC's wildlife survey and whether we can designate this area a SINC.

15.10 OS OPEN SPACE - NEW ISSUES

- Recreation Ground
 - Football Club request for hard standing. It had been agreed at Full Council for this issue to be discussed at Open Space prior to decision. Following further investigation it transpires that it is NOT a requirement to have hard standing at the level they play at or even in the higher league. It was agreed to recommend to Full Council not to agree, as this is a recreation ground where sport is played rather than a football pitch used for recreation purposes.
 - Cricket pitch. It had been agreed to approach Tichborne Cricket club to see if they would prepare and maintain the cricket square for free use for the following season. Clerk has contacted them and is awaiting a response. It was agreed to try and keep cricket in Four Marks if possible.
 - Allotments fencing. The Clerk was ordering new fencing for the end of the Allotments and to repair damage done by vandalism, and instruct contractor accordingly.
 - Skate Park. It was agreed to give the go ahead to repair the damage at the cost of £400, and do an article in the Four Marks News about vandalism.
 - ROSPA Inspection. The Clerk advised that the ROSPA inspection was due in May and would be instructing the contractor to do the various outstanding works prior to the inspection.
- Land at Junction of Telegraph Lane, A31, adjacent to bus stop. The area has become very overgrown with a good deal of dead wood, the Clerk was progressing a works programme to tidy the area up without opening it up.
- Vandalism – 'Storey's Sanctuary'. There has been a spate of criminal activity in the area known as Storeys Sanctuary, the Clerk agreed to liaise with PCSO Nops as to our best course of action.
- Contractors. It was agreed that additional contractors should be sought for small handyman type jobs, and an article would be prepared for the Four Marks News.

15.11 OS DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 3rd June 2015, venue to be confirmed, to follow Planning Committee.

15.12 OS Meeting closed at 9.25 pm

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Chairman