

Four Marks Parish Council

Minutes of the Open Space Committee Wednesday 6th April 2016 commencing at 9.30pm At the Benian's Pavilion, Uplands Lane, Four Marks

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr Anne Tomlinson (Chairman), Cllrs Janet Foster, Kellie Knight, and Dave Mills
ATTENDING: Mrs Sarah Goudie (Clerk)
APOLOGIES: Cllr Derek Seaton

16.26 OPEN SESSION

There was no Open Session, the meeting commenced at 9.30pm. Standing Orders were applied.

16.27 OS APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Seaton sent his apologies, due to the unscheduled late start to the meeting. Cllr Tomlinson accepted his apologies.

16.28 OS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

16.29 OS COMMITTEE MINUTES

- The Minutes of the Open Space Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd March 2016 were proposed as an accurate record by Cllr Foster, seconded by Cllr Tomlinson, and were signed by the Chairman.
- **Matters Arising:**
 - Landscape Group, negotiations are taking place to try and reduce the lifts by another 50p, or an agreed price freeze. The Clerk confirmed that they had offered a two year price freeze and it was RESOLVED to stay with the Landscape Group as per their revised offer.
 - Woodland Trust Trees have been planted in various areas of the Recreation Ground. An article has been sent to the Alton Herald and one will be sent to the Four Marks News, together with a report to the Woodland Trust. During the planting a designated access point had been temporarily defined, awaiting Charles Church to add more planting and dragon's teeth, and fencing.
 - Dog Fouling. Two new dog bins have been installed, the Clerk was still awaiting communication back from EHDC from their advice service on how to implement an initiative to try and alleviate the problem.
 - Cemetery. There were issues with breaches of regulations which had been raised at the Finance Meeting, but it was agreed not to take any immediate action due to the sensitive nature of the issues, and a new booklet style leaflet with the regulations would be introduced for the Funeral Director to issue with each burial.

16.30 OS ONGOING PROJECTS AND AREA UPDATES

- **Recreation Ground**
 - **Cricket.** The Alton colts schedule has now been received, the 'square' is in preparation, the container has now been paid for and we are just awaiting the keys.

The changing rooms are cleared and the go ahead has been given for their deep cleaning. Richard Myers will be the key holder for the Alton CC.

- **Skate Park.** Awaiting confirmation of the installation date of the aerial runway and goal posts. Also awaiting confirmation of the £10,000 award and acceptance details, and approval of our developer contributions request, once received work will begin.
- **Tennis Courts.** The tennis club were now running a pay to play system, for non-members and we are very close to receiving the go ahead for the land transfer from the Charity Commission. The link to pay and play will be on the Sports and Social Club website, a notice on the Tennis Courts notice board and the Parish Council website.
- **Goal Posts.** Cllr Mills and James Coles will be installing the new goal posts next week.

- **Badger Close.** Two emails from the resident of 12 Badger Close. The first advising the Parish Council that rats are nesting in the Badger Run behind 10 and 12 Badger Close. EHDC's pest control officer had visited the site and he confirmed this to be the case, but that the reason the rats were there was because the occupants of 10 and 12 Badger Close were feeding birds, and consequently feeding the rats. The Clerk advised the residents that they needed to remove the food source and any further concerns should be notified to EHDC's Environmental Health department.

The Ash Tree. The same resident had also reaffirmed her position in that, in their opinion, the Ash Tree is too near to the house and dangerous, and is concerned that the Parish Council are not acting appropriately. Due to the nature of the emails, the Clerk advises that this should now be passed to EHDC's Arboriculturist for comment, as it is very likely that he would have been consulted on the original planning application.

- **Queens Birthday Celebrations weekend.** The Clerk confirmed that a meeting had been held prior to this meeting with reference to the Four Marks 4 Fun Run, which was moving ahead. The routes had been agreed, with some organizational tasks still to be completed. An updated would be presented at Full Council, and requests for assistance on the day would be emailed.
- **Storey's Sanctuary right of way.** Permission has now been granted on the land to the rear of 1-3 Gloucester Close, with the footpath provision agreed, so action now needs to progress to formally register the right of way, and meetings need to be set up with the adjoining residents (4 Gloucester Close and 9 Vectis Close) to move forward. Cllr Tomlinson agreed to attend with the Clerk and would like to involve both parties either side, meeting to be set up on Cllr Tomlinson's return.
- **Lymington Bottom Green.** No further progress to date.
- **Kingswood Copse.** Nothing to report.
- **Land at Telegraph Lane/A31 junction.** Nothing to report.
- **Swelling Hill Pond.** Nothing to report.
- **Allotments.** A report of a car removing a bollard and driving on the recreation ground had been received. The Clerk agreed to email the Chairman of the Allotments Committee and ask the plot holders not to drive on the Recreation Ground, without prior permission.

16.31 OS DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting Wednesday 4th May, 8.30pm, at the Benian's Pavilion, unless advised otherwise, to follow Planning.

16.32 OS The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.55pm

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Chairman