

Four Marks Parish Council

Minutes of the Open Space Committee Wednesday 1st February 2017 commencing at 8.30pm At Four Marks Village Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr Anne Tomlinson (Chairman), Cllrs John Davis, Dave Mills and Janet Foster
IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Sarah Goudie (Clerk)
APOLOGIES: Cllr Tim Brake

17.15 OS OPEN SESSION

There were no items to be raised under the Open Session, the meeting commenced at 8.40pm. Standing Orders were applied.

17.16 OS APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Tim Brake had sent prior apologies due to work commitments. Cllr Brake's apology was formally accepted by all members present.

17.17 OS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

17.18 OS COMMITTEE MINUTES

- The Minutes of the Open Space Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 4th January 2017, previously circulated were proposed as an accurate record by Cllr Foster, seconded by Cllr Tomlinson, and were signed by the Chairman.
- Matters arising:
 - Recreation Ground Signage. Vita Play had been approached to replace the goal posts warning signs. Sign now prepared with address details of the Recreation Ground and on notice board outside pavilion, and currently looking at appropriate designs for directional sign to the Recreation Ground from Lymington Bottom and approvals to erect being sought.
 - Dog Fouling. Two new dog waste only bins now purchased. Quote received for 5no. hi-viz vests £47 + VAT (including delivery). EHDC had not yet returned with the purple paint. New fouling issue raised on social media on Winston Rise, will ask EHDC to monitor.

17.19 OS AREA UPDATE

1. **Badger Close**. Agenda item.
2. **Benian's Committee/Pavilion**. Benian's Committee meeting was moved to 9th February 2017, joint meeting to be held in March. Rates to be increased in line with proposals as detailed in October's finance meeting.
3. **Cemetery**. Mole hills have been treated and Eddie Hodkin has agreed to take on winter tidying sessions to keep on top of any storm damage and leaf issues. Small signs with ownership details for cemetery gates. Wording agreed and costs to be sought for a sympathetic rural style of sign, possibly slate or wood.
4. **Kingswood Copse**. Maintenance work still to be carried out.
5. **Lymington Bottom Green**. Nothing to report.

6. **Oak Green.** Agenda item.

7. **Recreation Ground.**

- **Hedgerow** - Agenda item.
- **Charles Church/Recreation Ground boundary.** Footpath now under construction.
- **Play park/teenager activity area.** Southern Trailers will be moving the table tennis table for an agreed fee of £200. A County Councillor grant for provision of the much requested swings had been applied for, the money has now been received and the swings ordered.

New multi-play equipment – Agenda item.

New self-close date – Agenda item.

- **Cricket pitch.** No news to date. *Subsequent to the meeting, Hampshire Cricket have made contact to ask for Sunday afternoon availability for matches. Clerk to respond and update the Committee as appropriate.*
- **Goal posts.** No news to date.
- **Tennis Courts/MUGA.** Finance in place, order now placed for both replacement fencing and transition for Court 3 to the MUGA. Project to commence in March.

8. **Storeys Sanctuary.** Agreed at Full Council to put on hold designation for formal right of way.

9. **Swelling Hill Pond.** Agenda item.

17.20 OS **NEW ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION**

• **RECREATION GROUND HEDGEROW IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

The Clerk circulated the letter from Karl Endersby from Charles Church, and whilst it was noted it was a step forward, there were still items to be clarified. It was agreed not to take legal action further at this stage, as it was more cost effective to spend the money on the hedge restoration itself, and the Parish Council would now respond directly to Mr Endersby's letter. The Clerk agreed to prepare a draft response for approval and advise the Solicitors accordingly.

The hedgerow maintenance, replanting and fencing proposals were discussed in detail and approved. It was agreed that this should now take place as a matter of urgency.

• **DETAILS OF OPTIONS FOR NEW EQUIPMENT AND GATE**

Proposals for a new self-closing gate were presented, although the Clerk advised that we are limited on types due to the narrower opening. It was agreed to progress and order as the gate without further delay, as the cost to replace the gate will be under the amount the Clerk is authorised to spend under delegated powers.

• **BADGER CLOSE**

The proposal to do remedial works at the Badger Close was circulated prior to the meeting, and it was agreed, due to the proximity of the trees with issues to houses and road, to approve the quotation and carry out the works as soon as possible.

• **FOOTPATH SIGNS**

A reported issue on footpath 71b was discussed and the Clerk advised members of the Rights of Way response to the query. The Clerk confirmed that permission was being applied for a direction sign to the Recreation Ground from Lylington Bottom, the style and design had yet to be agreed. Footpath signs around the village were gradually being updated.

- **OAK GREEN**

The tenders for the Oak Green refurbishment works had been summarised for initial discussions and discussed in detail. There were questions on both and the Clerk agreed to write for clarification on Tender A, for a more detailed car park works breakdown, and question whether Dekton or another material was included in the quotations. Tender B had not specified price for Dekton or a planting schedule, this was to be requested together with confirmation that replacement bus shelter seating had been included in the initial quotation. A deadline of 14th February would be given, so that a final decision could be made at the Full Council meeting on Wednesday 15th February 2017.

- **HEALTH & WELLBEING EVENT**

Cllr Tomlinson and the Clerk were having an initial meeting to discuss the Four Marks Fun Run on Sunday 9th July, although there had not, to date, been any further news on the Wellbeing event, but hopefully by the next meeting there would be an update.

- **SWELLING HILL POND**

The Angling Club had confirmed there were no current issues, and would not be able to assess whether the Siltex was working until the Spring. They had also agreed to put funds towards a replacement picnic style bench to replace the broken one. The Clerk agreed to get quotations for benches and find funding, as appropriate.

17.21 OS DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 1ST March 2017, 8.30pm, to follow planning at the Village Hall

17.22 OS The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.45pm.

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Chairman