

## Four Marks Parish Council

### Minutes of the Open Space Committee Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 commencing at 9.15pm At Four Marks Village Hall

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cllr Anne Tomlinson (Chairman), Cllrs Tim Brake, John Davis, Dave Mills and Janet Foster  
**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs Sarah Goudie (Clerk)  
**APOLOGIES:** None

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#### 17.23 OS OPEN SESSION

There were no items to be raised under the Open Session, the meeting commenced at 9.20pm. Standing Orders were applied.

#### 17.24 OS APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

#### 17.25 OS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

#### 17.26 OS COMMITTEE MINUTES

- The Minutes of the Open Space Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017, previously circulated, were proposed as an accurate record, following amendment as detailed under matters arising, by Cllr Davis seconded by Cllr Mills, and signed by the Chairman.
- Matters arising:  
Cllr Hammond had raised that Minute 17.20 did not refer to the location of the swing gate which was misleading, the heading had been changed to give its location, and the Minutes had been signed with this amendment.
- The footway from Medstead Farm to the Recreation Ground is now complete and filled in with chippings.
- Cricket. Hampshire disability cricket have booked the pitch for 6 matches (*now 8*), the pitch will be prepared by our Groundsman, but the wicket will be marked by their representatives. We have been offered a second hand roller from Hursley Park and are making contact to collect, will be cheaper to purchase than hire.
- A response and a goodwill cheque for £30 towards replacement planting has been received from Charles Church, and agreement to erect a post and rail fence.

#### 17.27 OS AREA UPDATE

1. **Badger Close.** Badger Close dell works now carried out. Further Agenda item for Deed of Covenant approval on land transfer.
2. **Benian's Committee/Pavilion.** Utility contribution of £2,500 was agreed at Committee meeting, the meeting between the Parish Council and Benian's Committee to take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017, 7.30pm, Village Hall.
3. **Cemetery.** Nothing to report.
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 planting and fence.** Hedge now cleared out and trimmed down, fencing is now being erect and the planting will be done next week. Agenda item for proposal of fencing, Phase 2.

- **Play park/teenager activity area.** Grant received for swings and now ordered.
    - **New multi-play equipment.** Awaiting quotation for chosen activity centre following site visit.
    - **New self-close date** – Quotation awaited.
  - **Cricket pitch.** Dates now booked and site meeting taken place (equipment)
  - **Goal posts.** No news to date.
  - **Tennis Courts/MUGA.** There has been a delay on receipt of materials, however installation is scheduled to start week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017. The EGM of the Tennis Club took place last week and they have an enthusiastic committee to take the club forward. They will be changing their constitution and using the pavilion as an affiliated club.
8. **Storeys Sanctuary.** Nothing to report.
9. **Swelling Hill Pond.** Awaiting quotations for suitable replacements for the picnic bench.

## 17.20 OS NEW ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

- **Badger Close; Deed of Covenant on Land Transfer.**  
The Clerk advised members that to proceed with the transfer of land from Antler Homes to the Parish Council approval was required to add a Deed of Covenant to honour the existing granting of rights to pass over the roadways and pathways of Badger Close with appropriate plant and machinery. It was RESOLVED to approve entering into the aforementioned Deed of Covenant.
- **Football Club; to discuss proposals for improvements required for promotion to higher league.**  
Cllr Tomlinson detailed their request for permission to erect a barrier one side of the football pitch and a 1 metre wide hard standing area the length of the pitch in a brown coloured tarmac to mitigate the appearance. It was RESOLVED to agree to their request, in principle, subject to their promotion.
- **Initial discussions on the merits of employing a part time maintenance person;**  
Following the loss of the current sub-contractor, the merit of employing a 'Man' or 'Woman' Friday was discussed in detail. It was agreed that the Clerk should prepare a job description, detailing potential tasks, for discussion at the next open space committee meeting.
- **To discuss potential improvements to the parking bays surface, Uplands Lane,**  
All members were in agreement that the surfacing of the parking/pull in bays need to be addressed, and it was agreed that a survey should be undertaken with various options to be looked. The clerk agreed to organise a survey and report back at the next open space committee meeting.
- **To discuss the Archers request to put a hard surface down between the pavilion and container;**  
Members of the Archery club had asked if the Parish Council, at a recent Benians Committee meeting, would be prepared to lay scalpings or a similar hard surface, between the pavilion path and their container. It was believed that this was to mitigate a mud issue, however it was agreed that scalpings were not appropriate at this point. A matting surface had been discussed at an earlier meeting and it was thought that this had been agreed, however as the reason for the improvements appeared to have changed and was only for their club's benefit and if that was the case, then the Archers would need to fund any improvements themselves.
- **Phase 2 of the Recreation Ground boundary fencing;**  
Due to the wholly positive feedback on the new fencing, it was RESOLVED to apply for further developer's contributions to fence the whole length of the Recreation Ground to the deer crossing. The clerk agreed to progress.
- **Dog Fouling; Further proposals to encourage all to pick up dog waste;**  
The Clerk reported that following conversations with other clerks the most effective way of improving dog fouling issues was to spray paint the offending articles, which gave the impression that the area was continually being monitored. The Clerk advised that the hi-viz tabards were now in the office and would purchase the paint and progress this initiative.

- **Oak Green. To discuss the further details requested on tenders.**

The Clerk presented an updated version of the tenders and the breakdowns following submission of a third tender and responses to queries. One tender appeared to be more cost effective and concerns were raised as to why, based on previous experience there was understandably caution. However that tender did appear to be the most detailed and cost effective, and would be the option to recommend to Full Council to accept, subject to collation of qualitative information across all 3 tenders, and this still supported this option. The clerk was asked to obtain references and look at recent projects prior to the Full council meeting to support the option for proposal.

- **Free training seminar - public space protection orders in relation to dogs – 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

The clerk confirmed that this was currently full, but we had asked to be placed on the waiting list.

**17.21 OS DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017, 8.30pm, to follow planning at the Village Hall

**17.22 OS The Chairman closed the Meeting at 10.15pm.**

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**Chairman**