

HENSTRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Zöe Godden, Elvyns, Wavering Lane East, GILLINGHAM. SP8 4NX

Tel: 01747 826401 Mobile: 07745 270285

e-mail: clerk@henstridgeparishcouncil.org.uk

www.henstridgeparishcouncil.org.uk

Draft minutes of a meeting of Henstridge Parish Council's Open Spaces Committee held on Monday 20th June 2016 at Henstridge Village Hall.

Present: Simon Cullum (Chair), Richard Kaskow, Carolyn Nichols, David Nichols, Barry Paginton and Michael Player

Clerk: Zöe Godden

No members of the public present at the start of the meeting.

The meeting started at 19:55.

1. Apologies for absence.

No apologies had been received.

2. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Public Participation.

No members of the public were present.

4. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 25th April 2016.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to approve the minutes as presented.

5. To note that a local resident is available for outdoor maintenance work.

This person was no longer available for work.

6. Matters deferred and arising from previous meetings:

- a.** To hear an update regarding funding for the proposed perimeter track and to agree any further action to be taken.

It was **agreed** that, when the third quote had been received, Simon Cullum, Richard Kaskow and the Clerk would complete grant applications.

Action 160620/1: Parish Clerk, SC & RK

- b.** To discuss arrangements for dealing with spoil from the cemetery and agree a way forward.

It was **agreed** to have the current compost pile removed to make space for a spoil area and to dispense with the skip when this was completed. The Clerk was instructed to obtain three quotes for this work.

Action 160620/2: Parish Clerk

- c.** To hear an update on bee keeping at the allotment site.

Information received from SALC was noted. The bee keeper had found an alternative location for her hive this year, but the information would be kept on file for future reference.

- d.** To agree to recruit Richard Holme as Volunteer Warden for Oak Vale Woodland.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to recruit Richard Holme as Volunteer Warden for Oakvale Woodland.

- e.** To note that the Clerk has written to Peter Thompson as instructed, regarding removal of wood etc from Oak Vale Woodland.

Noted.

- f. To revisit the idea of applying for grants to fund drainage work at Oak Vale Woodland and agree further action to be taken.

It was **agreed** that David Nichols, Simon Cullum and Richard Kaskow would visit the site and report their findings to the next meeting. The Clerk was instructed to identify sources of funding for repair work.

Action 160620/3: DN, SC & RK

7. Footpaths

- a. To hear an update on the work of the Parish Paths Liaison Officer and agree actions for any issues arising.

Simon Cullum reported that Ron Valentine and his two colleagues had repaired 17 stiles and had received donated materials from local farmers. Simon asked for the minutes to show that he and his colleagues were doing a tremendous job.

8. Recreation Ground

- a. To discuss holding an opening event for the Green Gym and to agree further action to be taken.

It was **agreed** to revisit this idea after the perimeter track had been installed.

- b. To note that the western goal mouth has been cordoned off and will need to be filled and re-seeded.

The Clerk reported that a member of the public had been in touch to say that the goal mouths at the top of the Recreation Ground needed to be filled in and re-seeded. One had been cordoned off and would be filled and re-seeded this week. The member of the public who had reported the problem had offered to donate some spare turf to use on the opposite goal mouth. The Clerk was instructed to write to the member of the public to thank him for his help and to raise the issue of organising a football club, either independently or in conjunction with the Youth Club.

Action 160620/4: Parish Clerk

- c. To note that weed killing has taken place.

Noted.

- d. To note that removal of elder and dead branches from the western hedge has taken place.

Noted. The Clerk was instructed to write and thank the contractor for the free woodchips he had given to help control weeds at the top of the Recreation Ground.

Action 160620/5: Parish Clerk

- e. To agree to obtain quotes for replacement of Play Area equipment and to discuss funding and any other action to be taken.

It was **agreed** that the Clerk should obtain quotes for replacement play equipment from firms to include Timberplay.

Action 160620/6: Parish Clerk

It was further **agreed** that David Nichols, Richard Kaskow and Simon Cullum would investigate the possibility of relocating the play area to enable the car park to be extended.

Action 160620/7: DN, SC & RK

- f. To note that an urgent repair is required to the wetpour surfacing around the see saw.

The Clerk reported that an urgent repair was required and presented two prices for the work.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to use Outdoor Play South West to complete the repair.

Action 160620/8: Parish Clerk

g. To note that David Nichols has repaired the zig zag winder.

Noted. Simon Cullum thanked David for repairing this piece of equipment.

h. To note that the Cricket Club is still running despite not having a team and is able to continue cutting the grass.

The Clerk reported that she had received an email from the Cricket Club explaining that, although they were not able to put a team together this year, the club was still running. The Cricket Club's insurance details had been forwarded to the Clerk along with confirmation that they would be able to continue mowing the Recreation Ground this season. There was no guarantee that the Cricket Club would be able to continue mowing next season.

9. Cemetery

a. To consider prices for the purchase of a new strimmer for use at the cemetery.

The Clerk reported that she had spoken to George Edwards and identified a suitable machine for his needs. Prices had been found on various websites, the cheapest of which was £369.99.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to purchase a Kawasaki BK45ED Brushcutter for the sum of £369.99.

Action 160620/9: Parish Clerk

10. Allotments

a. To note that two allotments are now vacant.

Noted.

b. To note that the scalplings at the allotment track were disturbed but have been replaced.

Noted.

11. War Memorial

a. To note that the hedge behind the War Memorial will be cut in September.

Noted.

12. Future meetings: to agree that the next Open Spaces Committee meeting should take place on Monday 18th July 2016 at 7.30pm.

The meeting ended at 20:34.



Zoe Godden
Parish Clerk