

**Minutes of the Greens and Amenities Committee Meeting
Held on Thursday 30th May 2019 in St Mary's Room, Ringmer Village Hall**

Attended: Cllr Ron Wilcox (Chairman), Cllr Mandy Brown, Cllr Richard Booth, Cllr Johnny Denis, Cllr Clare Herbert, Cllr David Terry, Cllr Julie Terry and Cllr Richard Turner.

Also, in attendance: Corinna Goward – Assistant Clerk

Members of the public - 1

Item No	Minutes
1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
1.1	Apologies were received from; Cllr Crompton, Cllr Hill, Cllr Kay, Cllr May and the Clerk, Karen Crowhurst.
2.	ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN TO GREENS AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE
2.1	A proposal was received for Cllr D Terry to be Vice Chairman the Greens and Amenities Committee. The proposal was seconded, all were in agreement, therefore Cllr D Terry was duly elected as Vice Chairman.
3.	DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS & DISPENSATION REQUESTS
3.1	Cllr D Terry and Cllr J Terry declared interests in relation to allotment matters and will request dispensations for future items pertaining to allotments.
4.	TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE GREENS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21st FEBRUARY 2019
4.1	It was resolved after a couple of minor errors to accept the minutes from the Greens and Amenities Committee meeting as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
5.	PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON MATTERS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA
5.1	At 7.34 pm the Chair invited the Meeting to suspend Standing Orders and asked for questions or comments from members of the public present.
5.2	The member of the public in attendance spoke on item 8b on the agenda as it was him who requested that the Council considers a closed season for fishing at the village pond.
5.3	At 7.36 pm orders were reinstated.
6.	ACTION POINTS - UPDATES AND PROGRESS
6.1	a) Speed sign at Stephens Close
6.2	Members expressed their disappointment regarding the decision not to allow a licence from East Sussex Highways Department. Members requested the Assistant Clerk go back to the Highways Department and request the decision be re-visited and a refund be reclaimed. Various other factors were taken into account during discussions. Action – Assistant Clerk.

6.3 b) Update on damaged slide

6.4 This item is ongoing as no correspondence has been received from Sovereign Play.

6.5 c) Urban grass cutting in newsletter – been included

6.6 This action has now been completed.

7. CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOTING OR ACTION

7.1 a) To consider any correspondence after this agenda has been published – for noting or action

7.2 There was no correspondence for noting or action.

8. VILLAGE GREEN

8.1 a) Village pond update and agree any actions.

8.2 It was reported that the chalk treatment has been carried out and the sludge digester treatment needs to be carried out.

8.3 b) Request for 'Closed Season' to anglers at Delves pond.

8.4 After a short discussion, which included enforcement and other matters. It was agreed to trial a closed season for fishing and erect signs. A vote was taken by a show of hands 7 Members were in favour of implementing a closed season , there was 1 abstention.

8.5 c) Tree map

8.6 This item remains on-going.

8.7 d) Tree works

8.8 There was none for noting or requiring action.

8.9 e) Rubbish bins (Church yard added to round)

8.10 Members noted that the bin at the Church yard has now been added to the round.

8.11 f) To consider monitoring the condition of benches on the Village Green and appoint members responsible.

8.12 Bench repairs and other matters relating to benches are on-going. It was agreed for Cllr Herbert to monitor the benches and inform the Officers of any actions required. All were in favour. It was noted that the bench at Gote Lane is the responsibility of the WI.

8.13 g) To consider request via Royal British Legion to add name of Lieutenant-Colonel Edmund James Jameson to Village Green War Memorial

8.14 It was reported that the office is still awaiting a response from a Stonemason. It was agreed to contact the Royal British Legion to see if any relatives of Edmund James Jameson are contactable to inform them the it has been agreed to add his name to the War Memorial.

8.15 h) Village Green Fencing adjoining Delves House – update

- 8.16 Members were reminded of the previous decision to install fencing with this in mind, it was agreed to request the Assistant Clerk write to the contact of Delves House and Strutt & Parker to establish the requirement. During discussions various types of fencing and vegetation was considered.
- 8.17 i) To consider any other matters relating to the Village Green
- 8.18 There were none.
9. **OPEN SPACES** - To consider any matters relating to open spaces for decision – Sadlers Way, Middleham Close, Gote Lane and Rushey Green – To consider creation of play areas on open spaces. As per 8.1 Minutes (21st February 2019)
- 9.1 This was discussed in depth. Pros and cons of each area were considered. A proposal was received that Rushey Green be a candidate for a small play area including play equipment, this was seconded. A vote was taken by a show of hands, the outcome of which was 5 Members in favour, 2 against and 1 abstention. Therefore, the motion was carried. It was suggested the Primary School be contacted for feedback about this.
10. **PLAY AREAS**
- 10.1 a) Annual inspections report – update
- 10.2 The Chairman reported that he and the Clerk have identified the work required and the Contractors have been instructed to carry the work identified.
- 10.3 The basket swing and squeaky swings were raised. It was agreed to contact the Parish Council Contractor to look at this.
- 10.4 b) Replacement of surfaces at Fingerpost Field and Broyle Close
- 10.5 It was agreed to proceed with the resurfacing of the play area of Broyle Close.
- 10.6 c) Renewal or purchase of play equipment
- 10.7 The Chairman informed Members that the Clerk has not received any responses from Members as previously agreed about the type of play equipment to consider. The Chairman requested Members contact the Clerk with any suggestions.
- 10.8 Suggestions at the meeting where, raised these included an adult gym, Teenagers Climbing Frame and hard standing table tennis tables. The Ad Zone at Ringmer Academy and access was also raised.
- 10.9 d) To consider any other matters relating to Play Areas
- 10.10 The Skate Park was mentioned as it is in need of repair. Health and Safety matters were discussed. It was agreed to continue with maintaining the skate park . No high risks have been identified.
11. **GENERAL PURPOSES MATTERS**
- 11.1 a) Update on the proposed cycle path including noting the feasibility study and agree any actions arising
- 11.2 This item was discussed in depth, discussions included;
- The usage,
 - The costs,

- Funding,
- The cycle path being in the Neighbourhood Plan,
- The benefit to residents of Ringmer
- Match funding from East Sussex Highways having a cap of £120,000 which is accessible for all Town and Parish Councils.

11.3 A proposal was received to not proceed with the implementation of a Cycle Path, the proposal was seconded, a vote was taken by a show of hands, the result of which was 4 Members agreeing not to proceed, 3 Members agreeing to proceed and 1 abstention. It was therefore **resolved** not to proceed with implementing a Cycle Path.

12. ALLOTMENT MATTERS

12.1 a) To consider matters relating to the allotments

12.2 These were raised under point 12c on the agenda.

12.3 b) Vacant plots

12.4 Members noted the vacant plots.

12.5 c) Allotment structures – review of allotment rules

12.6 It was proposed by the Chairman of the Greens and Amenities Committee to amend the rules to incorporate unsightly structures at point 4 in the rules. It was also proposed to add to the rules to not permit signs and flags at the allotments. Members were in agreement. It was therefore, **resolved** to amend the rules accordingly. **Action – Assistant Clerk to write to all plot holders informing them of the change of rules and request feedback.**

12.7 During this item it was reported the misuse of the hosepipe at the allotments which breaches the current rules regarding the watering of plots.

12.8 The marking of the car parking spaces was also raised. It was agreed to request UK Power network to re-mark the parking spaces for allotment holders. **Action – Assistant Clerk.**

13. ANY REPORTS ON GREENS OR AMENITY MATTERS (BY LEAVE) – NOT DECISION OR DISCUSSION

13.1 It was reported that the WI, Chairman of the Greens and Amenities need to arrange a meeting for the planting of the WI tree.

14. URGENT ITEMS (CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION) OR ITEMS FOR REFERRAL TO NEXT AGENDA OR APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE

14.1 There were no urgent items or items for referral.

15. CLOSE OF THE MEETING

15.1 There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.58pm.

Date of Next Meeting: 19th September 2019
St Mary's Room, Ringmer Village Hall

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