

Kings Worthy Parish Council

Minutes of the Recreation & Amenities committee meeting held on Thursday, 05 November 2020 at 19:30 Due to COVID-19 this meeting was held electronically via Zoom

Attendees

Councillors Emily Fish (Acting Chair), Dorry Lawlor, Stewart Newell, Charlotte Smith and Steve Waters.

Apologies

Councillors Mandy Hallisey, Sue Cook.

Members of the public

None.

RA/20/141 – Public question time

None

RA/20/142 – Agree and sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 2020

The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting and Chair requested agreement to sign them after the meeting. All agreed.

RA/20/143 – Matters arising from the meeting held on the Thursday, 01 October 2020

None

RA/20/144 – Fence at play area in Eversley Park

Replacement fence to be erected w/c 23rd November 2020. Councillors debated the options offered by the fencing company of a. closing the playground in sections whilst working piecemeal – or b. closing the whole playground and completely enclosing it with Heras fencing whilst the entirety of the work is carried out. Councillors felt that from a safety aspect that it was better to close and fence off the entire playground during the works.

Action: Clerk to inform the fencing contractor.

RA/20/145 - Security of Parish Council Land

Church Green – When they are no longer required, MRS Services has offered to remove and dispose of the large sand bags that are currently blocking access at the entrance to the green. He will do this at no cost to KWPC. Councillors agreed to this.

Bollards for Church Green also discussed – Clerks are in the process of obtaining quotes for installation. Following discussions with GH Property Management, KWPC will share this information with them.

Eversley Gardens – The newly installed gate for the entrance was discussed. It appears to be smaller than the 5m span that the plans indicated. Councillors expressed concern that this may not easily allow access to agricultural machinery required for maintenance of the wild flower meadow or hedges. Also given the narrow access, damage to the footpath at the entrance to the gate is inevitable.

Action: Clerk to contact Winchester City Council Planning department to ascertain if this reduced size gate has been agreed.

RA/20/146 – Tree Works / Maintenance

Tree Survey Church Green – Councillors agreed to seek a quote for all recommended works to be carried out – with the crown lifting works quoted separately.

Action: Clerk to obtain quotes.

Hinton Fields – Awaiting quote to carry out removal of dead wood to Beech Tree.

RA/20/147 - Footpaths, cycle paths and hedges

Eversley Park Path – Update from Cllr Newell in due course.

Action: Cllr Newell to contact path contractors.

Kerb in Eversley Park car park – Clerks are acquiring further quotes for this work.

Laurel Hedge in Eversley Park – Cllr Smith reported that this is impeding progress along the pathway and requires cutting back.

Action: Clerk to investigate the responsibility/ownership of the hedge and path.

RA/20/148 – Project updates:

10-year play area plan - Cllr Newell has completed the report and has submitted it to Clerks for edit and review. No update.

Broadview – Clerk has made initial contact with Persimmon Homes to discuss the conifers and laurels on their land at Upper Broadview.

Action: Clerk to pursue further discussion with Persimmon Homes

With regards to the incomplete programme of native species plantings at Lower Broadview, Cllr Smith proposed that KWPC approach Mr Jeffs to ask for a costing to finish these works.

Action: Clerk to obtain costs for Broadview planting from Mr Jeffs.

RA/20/149 – Lengthsman

Suggested tasks for the November 10th visit;

1. Strim back the nettles and weeds along the path between Springvale Road and Churchill Close.
2. Clean graffiti off bus shelters.
3. Sweep Cremation area circle at Burial Ground.

Cllr Fish volunteered to tour the bus shelters to ascertain which ones required graffiti removal.

A possible future task discussed was to remove the rotten wood at the sides of the pathways in the burial ground.

RA/20/150 – Church Green and Fryers Close play areas

Fryers Close Land Swap – Cllr Hallisey will discuss further with Winchester City Councillor Jackie Porter.

RA/20/151 – General maintenance / equipment repairs:

Tubbs Hall Playground – various issues discussed.

The yellow painted wood on the train has been rubbed down.

The vandalised wood blocking the tunnel has replaced.

The 'shop front' has been removed with a view to sanding down and repainting. It has been temporarily replaced with hardboard for safety reasons.

A working party of Councillors will be getting together to clean up the equipment. Cllr Hallisey to organise after lockdown.

Action: Cllr Hallisey to coordinate working party after current lockdown period.

RA/20/152 – Dog bins

Winchester City Council (WCC) have agreed review the Stoke Charity Road location. Awaiting dates for installation of bins at the other sites.

RA/20/153 – Burial Ground

Waste Ground Gate – Discussed gate options. Councillors expressed a preference for the 2 way pedestrian gate. Prices for installation to be sought.

Action: Clerk to obtain prices for installation.

Cherry Trees – Councillors agreed to purchase and planting costs of 3 memorial cherry trees and purchase of tulip and narcissus bulbs for planting by Councillors.

Burial Ground Plantings				
		Number	Unit Price	Total Price
Hillier	Snowgoose cherry tree	3	£ 64.00	£ 192.00
Hillier	Tulips Shogun	40	£ 0.40	£ 16.00
Hillier	Narcissus Actaen	40	£ 0.60	£ 24.00
Hillier	Phormium Jester	1	£ 19.35	£ 19.35
Hillier	Delivery	1	£ 60.00	£ 60.00
Phil Jeffs	Tree Planting inc stakes	5	£ 20.00	£ 100.00

	Total Cost (plus VAT)		£ 411.35
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Action: Clerk to coordinate delivery and planting.

Disabled Access – Quotes for improvement of both dropped kerb accesses outside and within the entrance currently being sought.

Cllr Smith to investigate the design and materials for the proposed St Swithuns disabled access pathway.

Action: Cllr Smith to report back to R&A committee.

RA/20/154 – Noticeboards

Replacement signage on noticeboards – Councillors were given two cost options for signage for the St Mary's and Tesco noticeboards. One at £104.00 and one at £58.40. Councillor agreed to purchase the signs at a cost of £58.40.

Action: Clerk to get cost of fixing the signs.

RA/20/155 – Comms

Cllr Lawlor to disseminate the closure of the playground on Kings Worthy Parish Council (KWPC) social media platforms.

RA/20/156 – Allotments

Clerk presented cost for a self-closing tap. Councillors suggested this information be passed on to HAB in the event that the stand pipe is not yet in place.

Action: Clerk to ascertain if tap is already in situ.

RA/20/157 - Clerk's Notices

Emptying of bins – Green Smile are no longer emptying the bins twice weekly. In the event that the demand increases again, Clerk Councillors approved the motion for Green Smile to revert to twice weekly emptying without further approval.

Closed Football Pitches – During lockdown football matches are not permitted but it was requested that we inform all football clubs who use Parish Council pitches that they are officially closed. Also, Green Smile are taking the opportunity to re-seed the goal mouths. All Councillors agreed to the formal closure.

Action: Clerk to inform Football Clubs.

Land at Legion Lane – A parishioner has suggested that the narrow tract of land at the bottom of Legion Lane (on the opposite side of the road to the bank) be adopted by the Parish Council. Councillors discussed whether if it was of benefit to the Parish for the Parish Council to take it on. Councillors all agreed that it was not .

Action: Clerk to inform Parishioner.

RA/20/158 – Chair’s Notices

Budget was viewed, but due to Covid-19 and the lockdown, the figures may change. Chair proposed an extra meeting on 10th December 2020 to discuss again in full. All agreed.

RA/20/159 – Items for discussion at the next meeting on the Thursday, 07 January 2021 at 19:30

None

Meeting Closed at 21:10

Signed:

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