

Kings Worthy Parish Council

Minutes of the Recreation & Amenities committee meeting held on Thursday, 15 April 2021 at 19:30 Due to COVID-19 this meeting was held electronically via Zoom

Attendees

Councillors Mandy Hallisey (Chair), Sue Cook, Emily Fish, Dorry Lawlor, Stewart Newell, Charlotte Smith and Lucia Foster-Found (Clerk).

Apologies

None.

Members of the public

One.

RA/21/60 – Public question time

Cody Moir requested a letter of support from Kings Worthy Parish Council (KWPC) for an organic market garden venture on Burntwood Farm, the produce from which would be sold locally. Councillors also suggested to Mr. Moir that a grant application might also be made to the Parish Council.

However, although Mr. Moir believed that Burntwood Farm had a Kings Worthy address, this was queried during the meeting. When checking on the parish boundaries it appeared that the farm may be in Martyr Worthy. Clerk will make further investigations as to the location of the farm post meeting and inform Councillors and Mr. Moir.

All agreed, however, that this was a admirable endeavour and that a letter of support would be recommended to full Parish Council at which a final decision would be made.

Action: Clerk to check on farm/market garden location.

RA/21/61 – Agree and sign the minutes of the meeting held on the Thursday, 04 March 2021

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

RA/21/62 – Matters arising from the meeting held on the Thursday, 04 March 2021

None.

RA/21/63 - Security of Parish Council Land

Church Green Bollards – Church Green Management Company have requested a plan for the location of the additional 4 bollards on their land. Clerk has provided this and is awaiting feedback.

RA/21/64 – Tree Works / Maintenance

Tree Works Church Green – Worthy Tree Care have confirmed they will survey for nests before they commence works, which is likely to be taking place in May.

Broadview – Plane Arboriculture have reported no urgent action required, but that minor tree works should be carried out within the next 12 months. Clerk has informed the householder.

Action: Clerk to request prices from suitable tree contractors for the recommended works.

RA/21/65 - Footpaths, cycle paths and hedges

Eversley Park Path – Cllr Newell has contacted a contractor and they have not been able to recommend a suitable natural coloured coating for the path that will be fit for the purpose of addressing the 'cracking' issues.

Action: Cllr Newell to investigate other options.

RA/21/66 – Lengthsman

New schedule has been issued. Tasks suggested for next visit (19th April) are litter picking along Lovedon Lane and trimming the vegetation around and behind the benches in Hinton Park. Future tasks were discussed and include cleaning graffiti at various locations.

Action: Clerk to confirm that Lengthsman are able to do litter picking and also investigate the provision of graffiti cleaning materials for future tasks.

RA/21/67 – Fryers Close play areas

Fryers Close Land Swap – Cllr Hallisey is awaiting end of lockdown to pursue this proposal.

RA/21/68 – General maintenance / equipment repairs

Tubbs Hall Playground – Quote of £228.50 submitted by MRS Services. Majority vote to accept this quote with the proviso that this work was completed within 2 weeks.

Action: Clerk to instruct MRS Services.

RA/21/69 – Allotments

Clerk reported that she is still contacting those eligible for an allotment who are on the waiting list. She is moving down the list and approaching those next in line if those at the top no longer wish to have an allotment or do not respond to emails and/or letters.

RA/21/70 – Burial Ground

Waste Ground Gate – Gate has arrived. MRS Services is scheduled to install.

Disabled Access – Installation of a removable bollard to be positioned in the opening. Awaiting additional quotes so that Councillors can make a decision.

Action: Clerk to chase up and obtain additional quotes.

Fence – Clerk has requested quotes for additional uprights to stabilise and reinforce the fence.

Signage – Councillors approved quotes for a 'no dogs allowed' sign to be sought, with the phrase "Except for Assistance Dogs" to be included.

RA/21/71 – Communications

Suggested that the drainage works in Eversley Park car park be mentioned, together with a reminder not to leave items on the ground at the Recycle area if the facilities are full. This is because charities will not accept articles that have previously been on the ground.

RA/21/72 – Benches at Eversley Park

Cllrs Hallisey, Lawlor and Fish to attend a further meeting with the parishioner to discuss.

Action: Clerk to set up meeting.

RA/21/73 – Tubbs Hall Mound

Cllr Cook proposed planting with native species shrubs and bulbs.

Action: Councillors to bring suggestions to the next R&A meeting on 4th May 2021.

RA/21/74 – Noticeboards

Clerk had produced suggestions for posters to be displayed on the noticeboards. They contain instructions regarding usage of Parish Council open spaces and some general information regarding reporting of dog fouling, fly tipping and issues with road and paths. Councillors agreed to display on the noticeboards.

Action: Clerk to print off and distribute to Councillors for display on the noticeboards.

RA/21/75 – Eversley Park Steps

Various methods to prevent the wooden element of the steps from becoming slippery when wet were discussed. It was decided to investigate the metal staples method.

Action: Clerk to distribute photos of local example of how this method of anti-slip treatment is employed. Cllr Smith to approach Winchester City Council Rights of Way officer for advice.

RA/21/76 – Clerk's Notices

Restricted Height Barrier at Eversley Park – Requests for the code have been received by a fast food operative wishing to trade in the Worthies Sports and Social Club area of the car park and by the football club for emergency vehicle access. Councillors wish to keep distribution of the code to a minimum for security purposes. They have suggested that the Social Club open and close the barrier for the fast food van. Clerk to confirm that emergency vehicles have the code for the barrier and then to inform the football club.

Action: Clerk to communicate with WSSC and WYFC.

Burial Ground Arch – Contractor has confirmed with Clerk that galvanised steel wires were used in the construction.

Bee Orchids – A parishioner has reported bee orchids on the edge of Church Green football pitch. Cllr Smith advised that they do not respond well to moving and that they are best left in situ.

Action: Clerk to respond to parishioner with email to that effect.

Bin emptying – Clerk asked Councillors to ratify the additional £35 per week cost of increased bin emptying by Green Smile at Eversley Park. All agreed.

RA/21/77 – Chair’s Notices

None.

RA/21/78 – Items for discussion at the next meeting on Thursday, 06 May 2021 at 19:30

None.

Meeting Closed at 21:29

Signed:

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