

Kings Worthy Parish Council

Minutes of the Recreation & Amenities committee meeting held on Thursday, 04 March 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

Steve Waters (Cllr).

RA/21/41 – Public question time

No questions.

RA/21/42 – Agree and sign the minutes of the meeting held on the Thursday, 04 February 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/21/43 – Matters arising from the meeting held on the Thursday, 07 January 2021

None.

RA/21/44 - 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/21/45 – Tree Works / Maintenance

Tree Works Church Green – Public consultation for tree works in a conservation area is underway.

Broadview – Kings Worthy Parish Council (KWPC) have been approached by a parishioner with concerns about 4 large trees in Broadview that border her property.

Action: Clerk to request a price from Plane Arboriculture for a survey of the trees in question.

Tree Vandalism in Orchard – It was reported that there was fresh vandalism in the orchard at Hinton Park, but the Clerk has been to the area and could find no evidence of this.

RA/21/46 - Footpaths, cycle paths and hedges

Eversley Park Path – Cllr Newell has contacted a contractor and is awaiting some costings.

Action: Cllr Newell to remind path contractors.

Top path in Eversley Park – Councillors discussed and decided that this issue was not a priority at this time.

RA/21/47 – Lengthsman

KWPC is awaiting the new schedule.

RA/21/48 – Fryers Close play areas

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

RA/21/49 – General maintenance / equipment repairs

Tubbs Hall Playground – Discussed pressure washing the playground equipment.

Action: Clerk has requested a quote from MRS Services.

RA/21/50 – Football Pitch Renovation

Renovation of the middle pitch was discussed. Factors considered were;

Ideal time to renovate is March/April.

This would mean closure of pitch when FA has extended season until end of June.

Pitches currently in good condition due to the lack of use during lockdown.

Cost of renovation will require three quotes and full Parish Council decision. Very short time frames for this if work is to be completed March/April.

It was decided that this decision required discussion with Green Smile and the football clubs.

Action: Clerk to organise a Zoom meeting asap with Councillors, Green Smile and football clubs.

Practice area - To alleviate the over-use of the pitches by general public for practice goal work, putting up the old goal posts in the land between the MUGA and Hinton Cottage was also discussed.

Action: Clerk to measure the area.

RA/21/51 – Allotments

It was agreed to send an email to the parishioner who has informed the Parish Council about the temporary raised beds she has erected on HAB land.

Action: Clerk to send email to the parishioner, noting her comments.

Clerk is awaiting responses from some on the allotment list. It was agreed to notify those next on the list as those on the top of the list refuse an allotment or do not respond to the request from Parish Council to confirm their continued interest in an allotment. It was agreed to send a parishioner a recorded delivery letter following lack of response from original letter.

Action: Clerk to send follow up recorded delivery letter.

RA/21/52 – Burial Ground

Waste Ground Gate – Quotes requested to carry out installation. Gate being ordered – awaiting delivery.

Water Feature – Clerk has emailed Cllr Waters with regards to cleaning the feature and is awaiting response.

Cherry Trees – Cllr Smith has removed the dead/diseased trees and moved the memorial plaque to the new siting of the cherry trees.

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.](#)

Gates – The paint on the gate has been scraped in one area. Cllr Fish volunteered to touch the paint up.

Action: [Clerk to ascertain details regarding the paint.](#)

Roses – Cllr Smith has planted the new roses.

Fence – Clerk has liaised with the adjacent farmer. It has been suggested that additional (identical) fence posts erected and attached to the fence to reinforce it would be less costly and disruptive than replacement of the fence. Councillors agreed.

Action: [Clerk to get quotes for this work.](#)

RA/21/53 – Communications

No R&A associated notifications for Comms. It was discussed that there may be some future release regarding a focus on the burial grounds or a highlighting of the noticeboards.

RA/21/54 – Benches at Eversley Park

Cllrs Hallisey, Lawlor and Cook attended a Zoom meeting with the parishioner who had proposed the idea of fundraising to purchase a picnic bench for Eversley Park. She has suggested purchasing a bundle of three benches and is confident that most, if not all of this cost, can be fund-raised by the parishioners and local businesses.

Councillors viewed the style of the proposed bench, discussed possible siting, VAT implications etc and asked the Clerk to enquire from the picnic bench company as to discounts that may be available if multiples of the octagonal, wheelchair friendly table were purchased.

Action: [Clerk to enquire about discount and send photos supplied by parishioner for possible sites for the benches within Eversley Park.](#)

RA/21/55 – Tubbs Hall Mound

Cllr Lawlor proposed discussions about the mound.

Action: [Councillors to bring suggestions to the next R&A meeting on 8th April 2021.](#)

RA/21/56 – Noticeboards

Cllr Cook has volunteered to take on responsibility for the noticeboard at Eversley Park. All but one of the parish noticeboards have now been allocated to a Councillor for updating etc. The remaining, unallocated board is at the Mill Lane/B3047 junction in Abbots Worthy.

Action: [Cllr Hallisey to ask for a volunteer to take responsibility for this board at full Parish Council meeting on 22nd March 2021.](#)

History Board – Cllr Smith introduced the idea of the History Group producing a noticeboard to be positioned at Broadview, which will give visitors information and provide photographs about its railway cutting origins. Cllr Newell suggested that the History Group apply for a grant.

Action: Cllr Smith to inform the History Group.

Noticeboards have been discussed at the recent Comms meeting.

RA/21/57 – Clerk’s Notices

Drainage at Eversley Park – the work was awarded to Rocon by the decision on 22nd February 2021 at full Parish Council. The works will take approximately 3 days to complete and Rocon have informed us that this is likely to commence some time during April.

Dog Bins – It was reported that the dog bins at Hinton Park and Mill Lane are very heavily used. It was discussed whether to look at replacing with larger bins or increase collections to twice weekly. Councillors agreed to twice weekly emptying at a cost of £7.14 per bin – an additional £14.28 per week.

Action: Clerk to take figures to Finance & Remuneration meeting on 10th March 2021.

Cricket Nets – We have received an email enquiry from Winchester Warriors Junior Cricket regarding hire of the cricket nets and use of facilities at Eversley Park. It was discussed to seek more detailed information regarding proposed dates, especially due to the extension of the football season. Also to point out that the toilet facilities belong to the Worthies Sports and Social Club.

Action: Clerk to respond with email.

Exercise Classes at Eversley Park – KWPC have received a request to run fitness classes in Eversley Park once restrictions allow. Councillors agreed to allow the classes to take place and that an hourly charge of £5.10 (taken from 2020/2021 updated fees) should be levied.

Action: Clerk to email with permission and fees.

RA/21/58 – Chair’s Notices

Extension of Grounds Maintenance Contract – The official meeting has taken place with Green Smile to convey KWPC’s intention to extend the contract for an additional two years. This will be ratified at full Parish Council meeting on 22nd March 2021.

RA/21/59 – Items for discussion at the next meeting on Thursday, 08 April 2021 at 19:30

Signage: Burial Ground and Eversley Park/Church Green.

Eversley Park Steps.

Meeting Closed at 21:45

Signed:

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