



## Kings Worthy Parish Council

### Minutes of the Recreation & Amenities Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 19:30 in Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road

**Attendees** Councillors E. Fish (Vice-Chair), D. Lawlor, C. Smith, S. Waters

**Clerk(s)**

None.

Minutes taken by Councillor Lawlor (R&A & P&H)

**Apologies** Cllr T. Stannard & Cllr M. Hallisey

**Members of the public**

None

**RA/23/15 Public Question Time [Please note that this is the only time that the public are able to speak and is limited to 5 minutes per subject]**

None.

**RA/23/16 To agree and sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023.**

Correction to item RA/23/003 – Action: Clerk to arrange meeting with parishioner.

Cllrs Smith and Fish offered to attend.

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair.

**RA/23/17 Matters arising from the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

- Tree Planting – the parishioner had not responded to the offer of a meeting.
- Church Green Bollards – the distancing was discussed and it was agreed that the bollard close to the fence would be moved and re situated in front of the bin where there is a sizeable gap.

The other bollards would then be moved 1ft to the right giving an overall better spacing.

MRS has agreed to submit a quote for installation.

- Kim Bishops Walk (removal of cycle chicanes) - Councillor Waters confirmed that this work has now been completed.

An email detailing all steps taken (as per risk assessment and method statement) along with photos was sent out to the Clerk and all Councillors.

### **RA/23/18 Eversley Park play area tender - update on works**

After some concern about the distance between the zip wire and other play equipment a site meeting was conducted with AVA Recreation. The company confirmed that the existing positioning included a safety zone but they agreed to revise this to move it 1m further away.

**Action:** Councillor Fish to discuss with Clerk as to next step in how we will communicate this.

### **RA/23/19 Fraser Road play area update**

The clerk is currently liaising with the company who originally supplied the train and photos have been sent to see whether they can source the same or come up with something similar.

MRS services has provided a quote to carry out a full deep clean of the footpath and play surface to clear moss and debris build up to make it safe. The quote put in is £324 which includes the cost of materials.

**Action:** Clerk to confirm with MRS services that we are happy to accept this quote.

### **RA/23/20 Ground Maintenance contract tender process – including potential short term contract.**

It was agreed that we would seek a quote for a new 6 month fixed term contract from Green Smile. This would give us time to prepare the tender documents for the longer term contract, for a start in September.

**Action:** Clerk to obtain a quote from Green Smile. Working party to meet to discuss long term contract.

### **RA/23/21 Forecast Outrun (2022/23) and budget (2023/24)**

We were in agreement with the budget, as approved at the previous R&A meeting. We noted that the annual cost of maintaining Eversley playground should reduce once the new equipment was installed.

### **RA/23/22 Tree Works/ general maintenance**

- Tree Inspections including land opposite Cornerways and Fryers Close – tree work inspections have been ordered and are underway. The company have been asked to prioritise Fryers Close and submit the report.
- Hinton Park improvement including potential engagement with parishioners –it was agreed to postpone any engagement with parishioners until March.
- Boundary Vegetation at Lower Broadview – reduction in height – it was agreed that the resident can cut back the vegetation to keep it clear of his fence line but the committee did not intend to maintain this area as a hedge.

### **RA/23/23 Paths at cremation area**

It was agreed that we will revisit the improvement of paths leading to the cremation area to make them wheelchair friendly. This was scheduled to be done as part of the cremation area makeover when the water feature was installed. Cllr Waters would carry out a trial to consolidate the path surface.

Councillor Waters also offered to cut up the redundant goalposts that have been stored in a hedged off area of the burial ground and donate the metal to the air ambulance.

The committee agreed for this to be done.

**Action:** Cllr Waters

### **RA/23/24 Interment of ashes in burial plot**

In answer to the enquiry, Councillors agreed that the ashes should be buried beneath the coffin. The enquirer should be charged for a "double depth ashes plot" and a "single depth burial plot" as to KWPC standard rates.

A future review of burial charges may be undertaken, particularly for those outside the parish.

**Action:** Future agenda item.

### **RA/23/25 Condition of fence around the lower football pitch**

The existing chainlink fencing around the lower football pitch has had maintenance issues and likely a limited lifespan. We should consider budgeting for replacement fencing in a couple of years' time.

### **RA/23/26 Lengthsman scheme**

Councillors were pleased to hear that the scheme would continue despite budget cuts at Hampshire County Council. Private funding has been offered by the HCC Highways term contractor, Milestone, to enable the Lengthsman scheme to continue through 2023/24.

It was suggested this committee prepares an annual programme of works for our Lengthsman visits.

**Action:** Add to next meeting agenda.

### **RA/23/27 Items for inclusion in Communications**

The award of tender for Eversley Playground, news regarding Fraser Road playground, tree planting, the metal chicane at Kim Bishop's walk and Street lighting will all be included in the next news bulletins.

**Action:** Communications team.

### **RA/23/28 Clerk's Notices – Use of Eversley Park for family fun day**

Worthys Youth Football requested use of Eversley Park in early spring, for a fun day. Councillors approved the request with no hire charge.

### **RA/23/29 Chair's Notices**

The Coronation on 6<sup>th</sup> May – we agreed that opening the new Eversley Park Playground on the bank holiday weekend would tie in well with the celebrations.

**Action:** confirm this plan with AVA recreation.

DMMO for Kim Bishop's Walk – notice of a Definitive Map Modification Order had been received. Currently Kim Bishop's Walk (from Wesley Road to the former railway bridge over Springvale Road) is not shown as a public right of way on Hampshire County Council's Definitive Map. Councillors had no objection to this.

Replacement fence panel – Eversley Park Playground – due to suspected BMX bike damage, one fence panel needs replacement. A quote for supply of the panel and fixing clips of £284 from Vita Play was approved. Installation will need to be arranged with our maintenance technician M.R.S. services.

**Action:** Clerk to arrange replacement panel installation.

Accessible picnic bench Eversley Park - £273 had been raised by a parishioner through donations. The Committee agreed to top this up to enable a picnic bench suitable for wheelchair users, to be installed in Eversley Park playground area.

**Action:** Cllr Fish to liaise with clerk on funding and obtain prices.

Fruit trees at Hinton Park Orchard – the four replacement fruit trees delayed from last season, are available for planting next week. Worthy Plants had agreed to standby the previously approved quote of £160.

**Action:** Cllr Smith to meet Worthy Plants to agree planting positions.

#### **RA/23/30 Items for discussion at the next Meeting – 09 March 2023**

Lengthsman's annual programme of works.

Schedule of charges for the Burial Ground.

The meeting closed at 20.50.

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Signed

Date