



## Open Spaces Committee Minutes Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018

Parish Councillors in attendance: Chairman Max Harwood (MH), Fiona Dix (FD), Val Farren (VF), Fred Fosberry (FF) and Rita Harrison-Roach (RHR).

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Meeting started at 7.30pm.

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- 1) **Recording of the meeting** - It was noted that the meeting would not be recorded.
- 2) **Appointment of Chairman & Vice-Chairman**
  - a) FD proposed Max Harwood continue as Chairman which was seconded by RHR and carried unanimously.
  - b) FF proposed Fiona Dix continue as Vice-Chairman which was seconded by RHR and carried unanimously.
- 3) **Representations by the public:** None
- 4) **Apologies for absence:** Mairi Rennie and Debbie Harknett, Clerk.
- 5) **Declarations of interest:** None.
- 6) **Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman.
- 7) **Footpaths**
  - a) FF recorded complaint about FP 1147 Black bridge to Fyning being "ankle-breaking".
  - b) FF reported that FP 1148 to Terwick church has not been reinstated by the farmer (after being ploughed) but it is reasonable (Durford Lane to Black Barn/Fair Oak).
  - c) On both of these, MH reported that WSCC has written to the farmer reminding him of the obligation to maintain them. It was agreed the farmer should be written to again; action Clerk please.
  - d) RHR reported the need to keep the path from Slade Lane to Commonsides open. The farmer has planted over the footpath and walkers are keeping it clear by walking it, but it needs to be reinstated.
  - e) MH mentioned that he has walked some of these FPs with WSCC (PROW) person, Kevin Dewitt, and that he would back up our entreaties to the farmer.
- 8) **Woodland Management Plan –**
  - a) MH is going to meet the SDNPA representative to look at Terwick Wood to help find a way to coppice it in NE corner area.
  - b) MH commented that SDNPA might provide Ranger support to help clear woodland which has public access. He will follow this up.
  - c) MH reported that next week Roger Fitter's contractors will spend a day rooting out holly in Terwick Wood. The committee thanked MH for dealing with this.
- 9) **Garbitts Wood**
  - a) There was some discussion of the problem with overhanging greenery from property on Habin Hill and agreed that RPC should write to the owner (Mr & Mrs Krens) alerting them that the trees will need pruning in the autumn, both in Garbitts Lane and on Habin Hill where the high overhang pushes tall vehicles into the middle of the lane. Action Clerk please.

- b) It was also agreed that we will ask the Clerk to write to Highways to ask them to attend to a particular oak tree on west side of lane near entrance to the little paddock, which has a threatening large bough overhanging the lane. Also, that several of the passing places on the lane cannot be used because they are filled with cut greenery and require clearing.

**10) Play areas**

- a) No reports of any problems.
- b) VF is continuing her inspections and she confirmed that she is completing the inspection sheets bi-monthly and brings them to OSC meetings. VF has painted various rust spots on equipment on the recreation ground and FF has strimmed the edges.
- c) FF & MH will cut out the self-seeded tree growing through the fence.
- d) MH remarked that the annual ROSPA inspection will take place in June.

**11) Bus shelters**

FF with the clerk's assistance, will arrange with contractor to inspect and report on all Rogate & Fyning bus shelters in due course.

**12) Chestnut tree behind the Old Pavilion at Rogate Recreation Ground**

The Committee supported the idea of planting a wild cherry at the north end of the recreation between the existing shed and the bungalow, subject to agreement from the Village Hall committee.

**13) Date of next meeting:** The next Open Spaces Committee Meeting was scheduled to be held at 7.30 on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018 at Rogate Village Hall Pavilion.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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**Chairman**

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**Date**