



## Open Spaces Committee Minutes Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018

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

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) **Representations by the public:** None
  - 3) **Apologies for absence:** Mairi Rennie.
  - 4) **Declarations of interest:** None.
  - 5) **Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman.
  - 6) **Footpaths**
    - a) MH noted that it is the time of year when everything starts to grow so paths are likely to become overgrown.
    - b) RHR informed the meeting the trees down in the woods near Slade Lane are not yet cleared; Clerk to contact WSCC footpath warden for an update.
    - c) FF reported the path from Black Barn to Dumford Lane is overgrown. He will have a look, take photos and report back. MR should be able to advise with the path number.
- FD arrived.
- 7) **Hedges** - Nothing to report.
  - 8) **Woodland Management Plan –**
    - a) The Clerk and MH have reminded Roger Fitter about the holly clearance at Terwick Woodland – he said they are waiting for the ground to dry out.
    - b) MH reported he has not been successful in finding anybody to coppice the chestnut trees – it appears the area is too small and the wood too twisted with access problems. VF is going to talk to Jeff Hills wife.
    - c) FD agreed it was possibly too small for commercial enterprise and suggested the Clerk ask the Woodland Trust if they know anybody.
    - d) MH reported Bob Epsom from SDNP is trying to identify any special trees in our woodlands – he will circulate the email.
  - 9) **Garbitts Wood**
    - a) FD reported that the staircase is not looking good and ideally needs some planting.
    - b) Clerk to re-send Woodland Trust email with their management plan to FD and FF who regularly walks through the wood.
  - 10) **Play areas**
    - a) MH reported all repairs have now been carried out.
    - b) VF has checked Hugo Platt.
    - c) FF reported he will cut back the planting at the recreation ground; FF offered to help with the tree in the corner.

#### 11) Finger posts

- a) The Clerk circulated the quotes for repairs and prices for replacements for discussion.
- b) It was agreed Tullecombe was in better condition than the one at the top of Fyning but this is more urgent as is missing the arm altogether.
- c) It was agreed these are an important part of the village heritage, even appearing on the front page of the neighbourhood plan.
- d) After discussion and consideration of the costs FD proposed **Resolution 'PC to fund the repair of the finger post at Tullecombe and refurbishment of the finger post at Fyning in the interests of tradition, heritage and the future. Ralph Restorations to be asked to carry out the work on the basis of a very thorough quote and understanding of the posts.'** This was seconded by RHR and unanimously approved.
- e) It was agreed that Fyning should have three arms – Hillbrow, Fyning, and Borden Wood; Clerk to check this is possible and obtain an updated new price.

#### 12) Dog fouling

- a) MH noted that special bins are no longer supplied as normal bins can be used if the waste is bagged.
- b) MH has not heard any more about the school designing dog fouling sign for School Lane – he will chase.
- c) FF noted it is also a problem at the Recreation Ground.
- d) It was agreed if a suitable sign is designed when made it could be used in other locations where there is a problem.

#### 13) Bus shelters

- a) FF reported he has looked at all the shelters and taken photos which he passed around the meeting. They show the poor state of repair of some of the shelters.
- b) He has tried to ring Darren Rolfe, WSCC about the repair/rebuilt project without success; Clerk to provide FF with his email address.

#### 14) Chestnut tree behind the Old Pavilion at Rogate Recreation Ground

The Clerk reported that this was on land belonging to Mr Davey. After discussion, it was suggested that a replacement, white (for peace) horse chestnut tree could perhaps be planted to commemorate the WW1 centenary. Clerk to contact hall committee for permission.

#### 15) Date of next meeting: The next Open Spaces Committee Meeting was scheduled to be held at 7.30 on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018 at Rogate Village Hall Pavilion.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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**Chairman**

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**Date**