



**Open Spaces Committee
Minutes
Monday 6th August 2018**

Parish Councillors in attendance: Chairman Max Harwood (MH), Val Farren (VF), Rita Harrison-Roach (RHR) and Mairi Rennie (MR).

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Clerk: Debbie Harknett

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:** None.
- 4) **Declarations of interest:** None.
- 5) **Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 21st May 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman.
- 6) **Open Spaces Committee terms of reference** – annual review
These has been circulated prior to the meeting and it was agreed to adopt with no changes from last year.
- 7) **Footpaths**
 - a) RHR noted a pot hole by the triangle at Slade Lane and overhanging hedge along the lane which she understands have been reported to WSCC.
 - b) RHR reported a tree fallen down across footpath 1151 where previously some fell down.
 - c) MH was pleased to report Pete Davey has cleared path 1187.
- 8) **Woodland Management Plan –**
 - a) It was noted there doesn't appear to have been much maintenance at Terwick/Fyning lately; Clerk to chase.
 - b) MH reported the holly clearance work has been well received. It was agreed to get advice on having a second day – Clerk to talk to contractor/Roger Fitter.
 - c) MH explained he is still getting nowhere finding a contractor for the chestnut coppicing; MR to talk to somebody.
- 9) **Garbitts Wood**
 - a) VF reported the path has been trimmed back, notice boards have been put up and the gate/post has been replaced.
 - b) VF noted the meadow needs trimming as it has a lot of nettles.
 - c) Clerk to email Phil Truluck at Woodland Trust to thank for work done and ask about meadow.
- 10) **Play areas**
 - a) MH reported a broken wooden post at the recreation ground and wondered why it had not been picked up by the annual inspection. Clerk has asked RJ Playground to repair with the other repairs already authorised.
 - b) Clerk is obtaining quotes for a replacement swing and surface underneath at Hugo Platt in response to the annual playground inspection report.
 - c) It was noted the new managers of the White Horse are including detail of the playground in their promotional literature. Clerk to talk to them/hall about the wall repair.

- d) MH informed the meeting Roger Eade is providing an estimate to remove the old swing frame from Bull Hill, Rake as it has not been in use for many years. It was agreed the concrete it is set into will also need to be removed.

11) Bus shelters

- a) MH reported he met with Darren Rolfe from WSCC. Their scheme requires us to meet the cost of materials which is about £2,000 per shelter (though probably less if more than one shelter is repaired) while the building work is carried out by volunteers.
- b) There is a scheme where WSCC are building and stocking community tool sheds which could be combined with a new bus shelter thereby reducing the cost if wanted.
- c) After consideration, it was not felt that a tool shed would be a good idea.
- d) There was much discussion about the condition and use of the shelters and the possible loss of the bus service. It was felt this was an opportunity that may not be available for long and therefore it was agreed that, if possible, all four shelters should be repaired/replaced at a cost of £8,000 or hopefully less.
- e) The design has to be agreed – Clerk to ask Darren for designs they have used and members to look at others they have seen.
- f) MH informed the meeting that the old shelter at Rake needs to be removed but has an asbestos roof. The Clerk has obtained three quotes - £850 to remove it all, £320 or £250 to remove just the roof. Clerk ask if its possible for the £320 contractor to remove the shelter as well as it is likely to fall down if the roof is removed.

12) Replacement tree at Rogate Recreation Ground

- a) The Village Hall Committee have given a lot of consideration to the species they would like and have recommended Sorbus aria Lutescens which was agreed by the members.
- b) The Clerk informed the meeting of the prices for different size trees and delivery. In response to MR's questions she will get more detail of the sizes and see if they are able to plant the tree. It was noted a bigger tree would require more watering.

13) Date of next meeting: The next Open Spaces Committee Meeting was scheduled to be held at 7.30 on Monday 24th September 2018 at Rogate Village Hall Pavilion.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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Chairman

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