



Meeting via 'Zoom' video conferencing - started at 6.00pm.

Parish Councillors in attendance: Chairman Max Harwood (MH), Laura Craven (LC), Adrian Collins (AC), Zoe MacLehose (ZM), Mairi Rennie (MR) and Deirdre Walkling (DW).

There were no members of the public in attendance.

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- 1) **It was noted the meeting would not be recorded.**
- 2) **There were no apologies as all members of the committee were present.**
- 3) **There were no declarations of interest.**
- 4) **There were no representations from the public.**
- 5) **The Minutes of the last meeting** held on Monday 7th December 2020 were approved for signing by the Chairman.

AC arrived.

- 6) **Actions from last meeting** were noted (unless elsewhere on agenda):
 - a) Land registration – Bull Hill registration is now complete while Fyning Recreation Ground will continue after lockdown when documents held at WS archives can be accessed.
 - b) Strimmer purchase for use at the playground/gym is with Hall Committee to investigate; if they find a suitable piece of equipment they are aware we would consider making a grant but not purchasing.
- 7) **Annual maintenance of the woods**
 - a) MH reminded the meeting that Simon Wright looks after Terwick Woodland/Fyning Recreation Ground and will be due to carry out the spring cut soon. As everybody was happy with his work it was agreed no action was necessary.
 - b) Oliver's Piece is looked after by a parishioner at no cost to the PC. Again, the committee agreed they were happy to let him continue with our thanks.
 - c) Clerk asked about the wildflower planting at Oliver's Piece - AC will remind the parishioner concerned we are happy to support if appropriate.
- 8) **Footpaths:**
 - a) **Condition reports**
 - i) ZM's report of the submerged/broken stile on the footpath above Home Farm has been passed to WSCC Footpath Warden.
 - ii) MH noted he has received a report of concern about a building/development alongside this path; Councillors to walk route to have a look.
 - iii) MH added the path is overgrown with holly; report to be passed to Warden.
 - iv) LC noted footpath across from A272 towards the river has almost disappeared. It was agreed to leave until the field has been replanted before taking any action.
 - v) Clerk reminded committee of What3Words as a good location finder for reporting problems while AC reminded them of WSCC imap system which shows parish boundaries, house names and path numbers.

b) White Horse footpath update

MH noted we have approximately 20 completed forms. Members acknowledged lockdown, change in shop ownership and things happening in the school have hampered obtaining them. It was agreed to leave until end of February to allow time for others to be encouraged to complete. Clerk is happy to print additional forms if required.

9) Play areas:

- a) AC noted the outdoor gym is closed due to Government Covid restrictions.
- b) The Clerk noted she is receiving weekly inspection reports for the play areas and gym from the volunteer.
- c) Purchase of strimmer had been covered under actions from the last meeting.

10) Swings on Fyning Recreation Ground

MH noted concern has been expressed about the rope/tyre swings installed by unknown persons at the Recreation Ground. After much discussion, it was agreed it would be impossible to stop this happening and it's a normal thing for children to play on; its up to the parents to be responsible.

11) Contracts for maintenance around the village

MH reminded the meeting that we have a band of 'volunteers' completing jobs around the village for an honorarium; something that has been in place for years. While it was agreed this wasn't ideal (people should either be self-employed or employed) and lacked control changing for current people would be difficult. Agreed Clerk to draw up list of people and jobs they meant to do for further consideration/review.

12) CDC Tree planting scheme

Details of the current scheme had been circulated. After discussion, it was agreed there was no requirement for additional trees on our land at the moment.

13) National Trust parking on Rogate Road

- a) MH noted an increase in cars parking along Hillbrow Road. Members suggested this could be caused because of an increase of walkers during Lockdown and because access to parking by Canada Cottages has been stopped. As the cars are not causing an obstruction it was agreed to monitor and revisit if it becomes a problem in the future.
- b) Clerk noted she is trying to ensure that the hardstanding created by SSE groundworks will be removed when work is completed but has so far failed to get a response.
Post meeting update – SSE have confirmed the area will be re-instated.

14) The next Open Spaces Committee Meeting is scheduled to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 25th January 2021 via 'zoom' video conferencing.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.12pm.

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Chairman

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Date