



Meeting via 'Zoom' video conferencing - started at 6.30pm.

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

There were no members of the public in attendance.

**Chairman:** Max Harwood  
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- 1) **It was noted the meeting would not be recorded.**
- 2) **Election of Chairman and Vice-chairman**
  - a) The Clerk sought nominations for the Chair – LC's nomination that MH continue was seconded by MR. With no other nominations and all members in favour MH accepted and took the chair.
  - b) MH sought nominations for Vice-Chair – LC's nomination that AC continue was seconded by MR and with no other nominations and all members in favour AC was appointed.
- 3) **Apologies** for absence were received and accepted from Adrian Collins (AC); all other members were present.
- 4) **There were no declarations of interest.**
- 5) **There were no representations from the public.**
- 6) **The Minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 were approved for signing by the Chairman.**
- 7) **Actions from last meeting were noted (unless elsewhere on agenda):**
  - a) WSCC Volunteers are due to repair the Dell seat on 24 June, subject to Covid restrictions; MR volunteered to visit to offer tea etc.
  - b) Land registration – Clerk to see if WSCC records office is now open to visit and if the document that is hopefully available is sufficient for the solicitor.
- 8) **Woodland management**
  - a) MH noted the plan is coming to a natural end but we should consider cutting back some more holly at Terwick Woodland towards the end of the year. Some scotch pine may also benefit from being felled but their size makes it difficult. There are some dead sweet chestnuts near the bridle path at Fyning Recreation ground but they are not doing any harm.
  - b) LC noted ensuring the safety of area from dead/diseased/falling trees/fire hazards is important; MH responded that we remove any we are aware of near roads while leaving others for wildlife.
  - c) Agreed to see if it is possible to update the plan and who is available to help – Roger Fitter, Bob Epsom or Nick Heaseman.
  - d) LC's note that the disbanded South Downs Ranger volunteers still operate and may be able to help with projects/clearing paths was welcomed.
  - e) *Post meeting note: Woodland management plan due for 5-year review January 2022.*
- 9) **Footpaths:**
  - a) LC reported the diagonal path from Fyning House towards the river has been planted and covered in potato-starch film though a different route can be taken. MR added the piping near Black Bridge is an obstruction and dangerous, especially as the pipe leaks making it very slippery. Agreed to report to WSCC footpath warden.

- b) MH noted we had been asked if we wish to take over the DMMO application to register the footpath from Foresters Cottage to the seat at Fyning Recreation Ground. After much discussion it was agreed the parish council do not have the resources needed.
- c) White Horse footpath registration 34 forms were submitted to WSCC on 28 April with a further 10 to be posted before the end of the month – Clerk is waiting on the return of a couple of signed maps.
- d) Parking near the Jolly Drivers is causing problems for local residents when the National Trust car park is over-subscribed. It has recently been made worse by the addition of logs to keep the area around the SID clear. After discussion it was agreed to contact the NT.

**10) Play areas/outdoor gym:**

- a) MH noted annual RoSPA playground inspections are due in June and will include the outdoor gym and play equipment at Rake Recreation Ground. It was agreed to try and obtain an additional quote (as well as our regular contractor) for any necessary repairs.
- b) The climbing wall is due to be repaired and Rachel continues to do an excellent job with the weekly inspections.
- c) Following the successful village litter pick rubbish in the vicinity of the play area at Hugo Platt has been reported to Hyde Martlett. *Post meeting note: Hyde Martlett contacted the Clerk and though they do not manage the houses at Hugo Platt they are responsible for the green area so will check area when cutting the grass in the next few weeks.*

**11) Facilities for our Open Spaces**

- a) MH noted we have received three negative comments about suggestions to make more use of Fyning Recreation Ground from neighbours who like the tranquillity of the area.
- b) MR mentioned Nathan Blatherwick, a local woodsman who does carvings from old trees.
- c) LC asked if we needed to highlight the presence of adders with a warning sign.
- d) After much discussion, it was agreed to design and purchase a decorative/informative signboard with details of all flora and fauna in the area. MR to look at the ecological report for the details.

**12) Village maintenance tasks**

- a) Previously circulated review letter to ‘volunteers’ was approved to be sent.
- b) MR noted rubbish had been cleared from the bus shelter on the A272 at Fyning.

**13) Having been circulated without any questions MH’s proposal of resolution ‘to adopt the open spaces committee terms of reference’ was seconded by AC and unanimously approved.**

**14) The next Open Spaces Committee Meeting** is scheduled to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at Fyning Recreation Ground (weather permitting).

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.45pm.

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**Chairman**

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**Date**