



**Open Spaces Committee Meeting -
Minutes
Monday 27th November 2023**

Meeting held in Rogate Village Hall Pavilion starting at 6.00pm.

Parish Councillors in attendance: Chairman Laura Craven (LC), Adrian Collins (AC), Max Harwood (MH) and Zoe MacLehose (ZM).

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 for absence as all members were in attendance.**
- 3) **There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda.**
- 4) **Representation from the public – none.**
- 5) **The minutes of the last meeting** held on Monday 25th September 2023 were approved for signing by the Chairman.
- 6) **Actions from last meeting (not covered elsewhere):**
 - a) Village bus shelter notice board – this repair has now been completed; AC will check.
 - b) Playground preservation treatment – this has now been completed; AC will check.
 - c) Terwick bus shelter cleaning – continue to monitor.
 - d) Fyning corner grit bin was recently damaged by WSCC grass cutting contractors. PC had agreed not to re-instate so the replacement to be delivered to AC until it is needed and WSCC Highways to remove broken bin; AC to ask for an update.
 - e) Fyning Lane post box – planning permission for the move was granted on 19th October; we await any update from Royal Mail.
 - f) Village playground bin replacement - Chichester District Council are currently unable to accommodate any new weekly bin collections; agreed to continue to try.
- 7) **Woodland management -**
 - a) MH noted some rubbish (bags of bottles and cans) has been dumped in Terwick Woodland; as it is private property CDC will not clear. LC's offer to use CDC purple bags to arrange disposal was welcomed.
 - b) LC/AC noted contact from an agriculturalist; they will forward details to the Clerk for future reference.
- 8) **Play areas/outdoor gym -**
 - a) LC thanked AC for the repairs he recently carried out at Hugo Platt playground where he replaced the slide buffalo board and installed a gate.
 - b) AC noted we have received a report of a loose fence post at the village recreation ground and that the outdoor gym air walker has a damage/rusty footplate – he will investigate.
- 9) **Footpaths –**
 - a) AC noted he recently met with several residents from London Road, Rake and the B2070 footpath was discussed – he encouraged residents to use the path and report concerns about its condition to WSCC.
 - b) ZM reported an overgrown path near Home Farm and corrugated iron left – she will provide the What3Words so it can be reported.
 - c) AS asked about the possibility of a path from Fyning Lane to Village Hall but it was noted this would need permission from the landowners.

10) Garbett's Woodland –

- a) LC reported that we have received the Woodland Trust's proposed Management Plan (2023-2028) for Garbett's Wood which is currently open for consultation.
- b) We shared it with our Tree Warden who considered it to be a favourable action plan to restore the wood after the impact of Ash die-back and felt it reads as a sensible and sympathetic way to restoring the wood to a thriving multi-species habitat in keeping with the natural context of our area and was happy to support it.
- c) MH asked that we share with Rogate school as they use the area for their Forest School.
- d) It was agreed it support the plan and thank Woodland Trust for sharing.

11) The next Open Spaces Committee Meeting is scheduled to be held at 6.00pm on 22nd January 2024 in Rogate Village Hall Pavilion.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.55pm.

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Chairman

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Date