



**Open Spaces Committee Meeting -
Minutes
Monday 22nd January 2024**

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

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

There were no members of the public in attendance.

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- 1) **It was noted the meeting would not be recorded.**
- 2) **Apologies for absence** were received and accepted from Zoe MacLehose (ZM).
- 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 27th November 2023 were approved for signing by the Chairman.
- 6) **Actions from last meeting (not covered elsewhere):**
 - a) Post box moving at Terwick – It was noted the 26-week period for installation is close to expiry and following on from the successful planning application we are expecting the box to be repositioned. It was agreed to contact Royal Mail for an update and ask Highways to about their ownership of the land.
 - b) Fyning corner grit bin – we are still waiting for the damaged bin to be removed by Highways and a replacement delivered to AC; Clerk to chase again.
 - c) A MOP from Parsonage has asked for a grit spreader to enable them to voluntary salt the paths on the estate. There was much discussion and it was agreed a suitable piece of equipment would be expensive and difficult to store. However, we can apply for permission to locate the spare grit bin on Parsonage – possibly at Hugo Platt. Clerk to get the volunteers contact number so AC or MH can talk to him.
 - d) Terwick bus shelter – ZM has cleared and LC put up a ‘keep this tidy’ notice. A photo of the books has been taken to see if the ‘library’ is used; if not it was agreed to remove the books in 6 weeks. LC will find and laminate an updated bus timetable.
 - e) B2070 footpaths overgrown – AC to chase highways. It was noted there have sadly been 3 fatal accidents on this stretch of road from Liphook railway bridge to the A272 turn at Rogate in the last 6 weeks.
 - f) The Dell - LC will arrange a working party to maintain the area.
 - g) LC confirmed the annual litter picking date has been agreed for 16th March 2024 - she has contacted CDC for the necessary equipment loan & litter collection and will publicise around the village.
 - h) LC and AC noted the daffodils planted around the village in the autumn are starting to show; she will ask the planting volunteers if they can share photos when they are flowering.
- 7) **Woodland management** -
 - a) Members were not aware of any current issues, even following last night’s storm nothing has been reported. LC volunteered to walk over Fyning Common to check for any unreported damage.
- 8) **Play areas/outdoor gym** -
 - a) AC provided photos of the rusting gym equipment which have been forwarded to the installer Fresh Air Fitness; Clerk to chase response.

- b) MH noted there was some vandalism of the playground gate at the Recreation Ground though a MOP kindly effected a temporary repair. AC offered to carry out a more permanent repair. The damage was reported to the police and we are trying to encourage others to do the same so the police start having a presence in the village. We have invited the PCSO to the annual parish meeting though we are yet to receive a response.
- c) Loose fence post at the village recreation ground – we have appointed a contractor and are waiting for the repair to be done.

9) Footpaths – members were not aware of any issues.

10) The next Open Spaces Committee Meeting is scheduled to be held at 6.00pm on 25th March 2024 in Rogate Village Hall Pavilion.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.50pm.

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Chairman

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Date