



**Open Spaces Committee Meeting -
Minutes
Monday 25th March 2024**

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) **Apologies for absence** were received and accepted from Octavia Pollock (OP) though she tried to join via zoom for a while it proved impossible.
- 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 22nd January 2024 were approved for signing by the Chairman.
- 6) **Actions from last meeting** (not covered elsewhere):
 - a) Finger post at Terwick Church is still missing.
 - b) AC asked if we knew the name of the new WSCC Footpath Ranger – Clerk will try to find out. It was noted parish inspections are due to every 15 months with our last visit in May 2023 they should be due again in August 2024.
 - c) Terwick bus shelter – LC has put a new bus timetable up.
 - d) B2070 Footpath – AC reported it is being kept clear enough to walk on by local residents.
- 7) **Woodland management -**
Terwick Woodland – agreed to contact Roger Fitter to get an update on pine thinning and hopefully schedule works for September, after the bird nesting season.
- 8) **Play areas/outdoor gym -**
 - a) LC reported the outdoor gym is fine but the ‘S’ seat in the village playground has a couple of slats that will need replacing (though are currently sound). She also reported one of the posts holding the bank back is starting to fail and the post/rail fence could do with a coat of wood preservative. The metal fence within the play area needs repainting to protect from rusting. There was some discussion about finding somebody to do the work. AC will have a look at the seat.
 - b) OP has offered to look at Hugo Platt playground.
- 9) **Footpaths –**
 - a) ZM noted concern had been raised by a MOP about the path through the Lupin Field at Terwick but it was agreed it is fine.
 - b) MH noted concern had been raised to the County Councillor about the footpath from the garage down towards The Dell. While it was agreed the pavement is not very wide it was felt there is nothing the council can do other than ensuring the hedge is maintained. The bank is not falling onto the path and regular use helps keep any foliage from protruding onto the path.
- 10) **Salt spreading at Parsonage –** after a brief discussion it was agreed that to review in July.

11) Litter

- a) **Annual Litter Pick** – LC reported they had filled a good pile of purple bags with volunteers working throughout the village last weekend. She has been given a couple of surplus ‘litter grabbers’ and a roll of purple bags for future use. AC noted residents of Rake had also been clearing litter. Clerk added there seems to be a problem along the Rake School-Langley Road and a resident had suggested ‘take your litter home’ signs after litter was thrown at somebody collecting. There was some discussion as to whether signs help modify behaviour or actually add to the litter. AC added concerns have been raised about litter along Rogate Road, Hillbrow again which maybe partly down to visitors to B1Ke; Clerk will remind him of their contact details.
- b) **Bin at Rogate Village Hall Recreation Ground** - LC noted she had spoken to the CDC ‘litter man’ about obtaining a CDC bin contract for the playground area; he confirmed no new bins have been installed since before covid as they are operating at full capacity and suggested some ‘take your litter home’ signs. The meeting agreed these were not appropriate for the playground and it was thought its use will increase in the summer now the White Horse has re-opened. It was agreed bins are vital in helping stop littering - Clerk has raised with Tim O’Kelly, our district councillor.
- c) **Dog waste bags** – LC/ZM noted that a lot of used dog mess bags had been left on a track in Fyning – ZM kindly cleared and they will monitor.

12) Oliver’s Piece – AC reported that we had received a telephone call from a resident concerned that some rhododendrons had been cleared too far which was exposing the adjacent house to traffic headlights. Clerk to give him the land title map and he will talk to the volunteer resident who looks after the area. Concern had also been raised about possible use as a ‘rave’ spot in the summer with groups of youngsters gathering – he will talk to the adjoining resident to see if they are aware of an issue as it’s the first we have heard.

13) The next Open Spaces Committee Meeting is scheduled to be held at 6.00pm on 20th May 2024 in Rogate Village Hall Pavilion.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.58pm.

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Date