



**Open Spaces Committee Meeting -  
Minutes  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

Meeting held at Rogate Village Hall Old Youth Club Room starting at 6.00pm.

Parish Councillors in attendance: Chair Laura Craven (LC), Adrian Collins (AC), Max Harwood (MH) and Octavia Pollock (OP)

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Clerk: Debbie Harknett

**Chair:** Laura Craven

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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 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024 were approved for signing by the Chair.
- 6) **Action updates from last meeting** (not covered elsewhere):
  - a) LC noted Royal Mail have said the new post box at Fyning should be installed by 1 April 2025.
  - b) MH noted the Rector has said he has some historical information on the National Trust Lupin field – LC will talk to him.
- 7) **Woodland management –**
  - a) MH has arranged to meet a representative from Joe Court Forestry on Wednesday to discuss the pine thinning at Terwick Woodland; unfortunately, LC is unable to make this revised date. He has sought some advice from a resident who has provided the name of another forester should it be needed.
  - b) MH noted there are several trees/branches down in Terwick Woodland following recent storms which he will ask the Forestry contractor about.
  - c) MH added the birch tree fallen across a footpath at Fyning Recreation Ground has not yet been cleared; Clerk will remind the tree surgeon.
  - d) It was noted the Woodland Management plan is aging and we should probably be thinking about it being updated; agreed to include on a future agenda.
- 8) **Play areas/outdoor gym:**
  - a) AC reported that having looked at the equipment with the ROSPA inspections –
    - Hugo Platt playground hinge needs repairing which he kindly volunteered to do.
    - Village playground - he has already repaired the tarmac and is currently repairing the gate. Part of the log roll at the tunnel entrance is missing and needs to be replaced (the other side was done a couple of years ago) – Clerk to try to contact previous tradesman.
    - Some equipment needs re-painting in the spring if we can find a suitable painter.
  - b) Outdoor gym – Clerk has obtained a quote from Fresh Air Fitness for an annual service agreement which costs £461.20-vat. After consideration and taking into account the amount the equipment is used, the committee felt it was too expensive to carry out annually and agreed to reconsider next year.
- 9) **Footpaths:**
  - a) LC noted a report that the diagonal path from Fyning to Black Bridge is overgrown but it was agreed this is because it hasn't been walked as its not planted with crops.

- b) MH will check if the barbed wire is still at Fyning and provide more details to enable it to be reported.

**10) Swift boxes –**

- a) OP has spoken to a representative from the Swift Conservation Society who are willing to give a talk during the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 24 April. They would need access to a projector/screen and expect the talk to last about ¾ hr with a chance for questions afterwards. OP added timing was ideal as the birds return in May. This talk could be followed by a swift walk in May to look at what places would be suitable for swift boxes. They can also help people make boxes by providing plans.
- b) After some discussion, LC's proposal of **resolution 'RPC agree to meet the £50 cost of the swift speaker'** was seconded by MH and unanimously agreed.
- c) OP to liaise with the Swift Conservation Society and Clerk to make necessary arrangements.

**11) Salt spreading at Parsonage**

- a) LC reported that she has been around Parsonage Estate with the volunteers' mother and with the help of AC and OP have identified a suitable location for the grit bin.
- b) LC will now write to Hyde Housing to seek permission.

**12) Annual litter pick –** after discussion it was agreed that to hold the even on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March. LC will contact CDC to get the necessary equipment.

**13) The next Open Spaces Committee Meeting** is scheduled to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at Rogate Village Hall Old Youth Club room.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.54pm.

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Chairman

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Date