



## Open Spaces Committee Meeting - Minutes Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025

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), Zoe MacLehose (ZM) 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) **Appointment of chair and vice-chair**
  - a) MH nominated LC to continue as chair which was seconded by OP and unanimously agreed and accepted by LC.
  - b) LC nominated OP to continue as vice-chair which was seconded by AC and unanimously agreed and accepted by OP.
- 3) All members were in attendance so there were no **apologies for absence**.
- 4) **There were no declarations of interest** in items on the agenda.
- 5) **Representation from the public** – none.
- 6) **The minutes of the last meeting** held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025 were approved for signing by the Chair.
- 7) **Action updates from last meeting** (not covered elsewhere):
  - a) White Horse footpath registration – after 4 years WSCC have checked the witness forms and returned some for amendment. The Clerk managed to get all except one amended and has resubmitted them along with copies of neighbour notifications for the new owners before the deadline – they only gave us a few weeks.
  - b) The Rector has loaned the historical documents for Terwick lupin field which the Clerk has scanned and circulated. They seem to suggest the lupins may originally have been a crop but are unlikely to be the current mixed colour variety as they were not in existence at the time. OP noted the field is coming into flower and the NT volunteers have planted approximately 500 plugs though it was a shame we were not given the chance to help. Agreed to continue to monitor.
  - c) Finger post at Terwick Church has been reinstated.
  - d) Salt spreading – LC wrote to Hyde for permission to site a grit bin in Parsonage and is waiting for an agreement.
  - e) RATA signposts – AC shared photos of these well-constructed oak signs and reminded members that WSCC would not give permission for them to be installed in the village centre as part of the previous Community Highways Scheme. After some discussion, LC's proposal of **resolution 'to ask the hall if they would like one to be modified as a single point sign to the hall/rec'** was seconded by OP and unanimously agreed. AC noted it maybe able to facilitate a SID in the future.
- 8) **Annual review of terms of reference for Open Spaces Committee** – LC went through these before proposing **resolution 'to accept Open Spaces Committee Terms of reference unchanged'** was seconded by ZM and unanimously approved.
- 9) **Woodland management** –
  - a) AC noted that Fyning Recreation Ground is very overgrown and needs strimming as the

bracken is spreading – MH to arrange for the contractor to attend.

- b) Terwick Woodland pine thinning – it was agreed work couldn't happen until the autumn because of bird nesting season but it is hoped MH will contact the other contractor to obtain a price/advice.
- c) **Fire warning signs** – AC reported he has installed two in Fyning Lane but we could do with 2 more there and possibly also at Terwick Woodland. VSigns have provided a quote of £18.50+vat per sign. After discussion and agreement that Rake Recreation Ground and Oliver's Piece do not need them LC proposal of **resolution 'to purchase 6 fire warning signs as quoted'** was seconded by ZM and unanimously approved.

**10) Access to Terwick Woodland** – MH noted concern had been expressed at illegal access possibly being made as one of the entrances had been altered. After some discussion, while noting some vigilant neighbours and considering installing gates would not only be expensive but would draw attention to the area it was agreed to continue monitoring.

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

- a) LC was thanked for touching up the paintwork on the outdoor gym.
- b) AC has managed to find three outdoor painting contractors who he is going to ask for a quote to repaint some playground equipment that is rusting and getting quite shabby.
- c) LC noted that children are still climbing the mound and the fence/tape seems to add to the challenge. The contractor is due end of May/beginning June.
- d) Clerk noted the Annual RoSPA safety inspections are due to be completed in June.

**12) Footpaths:**

It was noted the irrigation pipework to Black Bridge has been put underground which should remove a trip hazard and help with the mud.

**13) Litter – CDC schemes**

LC noted various schemes were mentioned by the District Councillor at the recent full council meeting including 'adopt an area'. It was noted that many people look after their own patch, both in Rogate and Rake and it was agreed we don't need a formal arrangement.

**14) The next Open Spaces Committee Meeting** is scheduled to be held at 6.00pm on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025 at Fyning Recreation Ground unless wet when it will be held in the old youth club room, Rogate Village Hall.

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

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Chairman

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Date