



## **Kings Worthy Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the Recreation & Amenities committee meeting held on Thursday, 08 June 2023 at 19:30 held in Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road**

#### **Attendees**

Councillors: E. Fish, A. Hallisey, D. Lawlor, C. Smith, S. Waters

#### **Chair of the meeting**

E. Fish (RA/23/093 onwards)

#### **Clerk(s)**

Christopher Read

#### **Public**

None

#### **Apologies**

Cllr Ian Gordon

#### **RA/23/093 – Election of Chair**

Cllr Fish was nominated by Cllr Hallisey and seconded by Cllr Smith. A vote was held via show of hands with 4 in favour, 0 against and 1 abstention.

#### **RA/23/094 – Election of Vice-Chair**

Cllr Hallisey was nominated by Cllr Fish and seconded by Cllr Smith. A vote was held via show of hands with 3 in favour, 0 against and 2 abstentions.

Cllr Lawlor stated that she is abstaining from the vote as she felt prospective candidates need should give a short explanation as to why they wish to stand.

**Action – To be discussed at a future Parish Council meeting before next May.**

#### **RA/23/095 – Public Question Time**

None.

#### **RA/23/096 – To agree and sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 04 May 2023**

A revised copy of the minutes had been distributed to Councillors before the meeting. The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

#### **RA/23/097 – Matters arising for the meeting held on the on the 04 May 2023**

None.

### **RA/23/098 – Eversley Park play area renewal – update on play tower and remedial works**

The Clerk noted that he had been made aware of remaining snagging issues at the play area and he had informed the contractor to have these rectified.

Planning permission has been granted for the play area tower with the condition that 2 additional trees are planted in an area between the adjacent houses and the tower. The Clerk is currently liaising with Southern Gas Network who are aiming to attend next week to mark out gas pipes that may be located in the area. Scottish and Southern Electricity Network have already attended to mark out their cables in the vicinity. The planting schedule needs to be agreed by Winchester City Council before works on the tower can commence.

### **RA/23/099 – Fraser Road play area fire – update including tender and potential alternative equipment**

After discussion it was agreed that now the damaged equipment has been removed, part of the site fencing can be removed. Clear closed signs are to be displayed to indicate that the site is closed.

#### **Action – Arrange for amendment of the fencing and erection of additional signage.**

After discussion, it was agreed to proceed with tendering for a replacement train due to popularity of this piece of equipment. The Clerk noted that an edge will likely be required in the rubber safety surfacing and a feature could be made of this.

#### **Action – Clerk to obtain tenders for repairs to the play area including a replacement train supplied by Kompan. Kompan are to be asked for a list of installers.**

#### **Action – Clerk to obtain a price for moving a section of concrete edging to bring the rubber surface in-line with the fence line, and to lay tarmac on section outside the fencing.**

#### **Action – Committee members are to look at potential alternatives to the current climbing frame for the next meeting.**

### **RA/23/100 – Grounds maintenance contract tender process**

A revised contract specification and pricing schedule has been distributed to members.

Cllr Fish expressed her thanks to Cllr Smith for her work on this.

It was agreed to proceed with tendering for the grounds contract based on the revised documentation and the existing contract terms and tender evaluation criteria.

#### **Action – Clerk to revise tender maps and advertise the tender asap.**

### **RA/23/101 – Tree works / general maintenance**

- Tree inspections – including recommended actions – The Clerk had chased the reports and was awaiting receipt imminently. The contractor had been having issues with the tree plans but he will be sending across the remaining documentation.
- Play area inspections – outcomes of any actions relating to the recent play equipment inspections – The Clerk had instructed M.R.S. Services to undertake all low-cost tasks identified on the reports.

**Action – Ask M.R.S. Services to look at reinstating surfaces where recommended.**

- Hedge at lower Broadview – reduction in height – The works had been arranged with Tom Fisher Tree Care for the day of the meeting but having checked the day before, there appears to be potential birds' nests present and given the density of the undergrowth, it is hard to rule out the presence of nests. The residents of the neighbouring property had been informed of the need to delay.

**Action – Clerk to regularly review the trees and arrange for works as soon as possible.**

- Church Green bollards – The final placement has been agreed with M.R.S. Services and they are awaiting installation.
- Coronation bench – request for additional slabs – After discussion, it was agreed to obtain a quotation for additional slabs underneath the bench.

**Action – Clerk to obtain quotation as above.**

- Fryers Close play area – cleaning of surfacing / potential canopies – A quotation had been received from M.R.S. Services to pressure wash all equipment and surfacing at a total cost of £262.80. It was agreed to proceed with this work.

Members discussed potential canopies but noted that they would be expensive and may not solve the problem. It was agreed to keep the area under regular review and clean as required.

**RA/23/102 – Motorcycles using Kim Bishop Walk**

A parishioner had reported to both Clerks that they had witnessed a motorcycle using Kim Bishop Walk. Members discussed preventative measures including barriers, but this would prevent access for wheelchairs, mobility scooters and prams also.

After discussion, it was agreed to put out a post on the Council's Facebook page asking people to report instances of motorcycles using the path. Signage will be considered as an option if required.

**Action – Comms team to draft a post for the Council's Facebook page.**

**RA/23/103 – Fence around the lower football pitch – quotations for replacement fence**

The Clerk had obtained two quotations and was meeting a third company on Friday to obtain an additional quotation. The prices already received were between £22,080.00 - £29,195.00. Members discussed the fence and felt that it may be surplus to requirements, particularly now that Lovedon Fields has been completed.

**Action – It was agreed to speak with the football clubs about the potential removal of the fence.**

**RA/23/104 – Tree roots in roadway at Burial Ground**

The Clerk will be meeting Plane Arboriculture next week to discuss the potential impact of both the repairs to the tarmac and path resurfacing.

### **RA/23/105 – Paths at the cremation area – options**

An initial quotation had been received for the resurfacing of the main pathways in AgriFlex rubber surfacing at a total cost of £38,382.84. Costs for CEDEC gravel surface are to be obtained.

### **RA/23/106 – Preparations for the autumn litter pick**

It was agreed to look at purchasing some hi-vis vests in various sizes potentially with the Parish Council's logo.

#### **Action – Cllrs Lawlor & Water to investigate vests.**

Members discussed arrangements for the litter pick and agreed to produce certificates for children attending the litter pick with a potential presentation during school assembly. Potential prizes will also be considered.

It was also agreed to request help from all Councillors for the next event.

### **RA/23/107 – Stagecoach Spring bus service**

Members discussed the number of negative comments received relating to the Spring bus service.

#### **Action – Clerk to draft a letter (signed by the Council Chairman) to invite the Winchester Stagecoach manager to a meeting.**

### **RA/23/108 – Review of Burial Ground charging structure**

Cllr Fish had started work on this and will work with the new Deputy Clerk to bring something to next meeting.

### **RA/23/109 – Items for inclusion in Council communications**

- Kim Bishop Walk (see RA/23/102)
- Next Litter pick
- Update on play areas

### **RA/23/110 – Clerk's Notices**

None.

### **RA/23/111 – Chairman's Notices**

None.

### **RA/23/112 – Items for discussion at the next Meeting – 13 July 2023**

Location of potential seeding by the local Girlguides group

**Meeting closed at 20:54.**

**Signed:**

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