



Kings Worthy Parish Council

Minutes of the Recreation & Amenities committee meeting held on Thursday, 04 May 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

Clerk(s)

None.

Minutes taken by Cllr Cossburn (P&H).

Apologies

Cllr T. Stannard, the reason was given and accepted by the committee.

RA/23/075 – Public Question Time

Fryers Close play area – A resident from Fryers Close attended to raise the issue of moving the play area. They objected to the idea stating that it would be a waste of taxpayer's money and suggested that an alternative idea to resolve the issue of bird fouling could provide a cheaper and more effective solution. The resident also suggested that the area had been granted some form of "protected status" in March 2023.

Action: Clerk to investigate if this statement is in fact correct.

Committee agreed that action was required to make this area acceptable. Residents were opposed to relocating the equipment away from Fryers Close as counterproductive and expensive. Residents were currently undertaking cleaning on a regular basis. The committee agreed that the best course of action was to investigate some form of canopy for the area coupled with a planned programme of tree works in the autumn.

Action – Clerk to investigate possible canopies for this area.

RA/23/076 – To agree and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd April 2023

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

RA/23/077 – Matters arising from the meeting held on the 03 April 2023

All matters arising were covered as agenda items.

RA/23/078 – Eversley Park play area renewal – update on tower application and final plans for opening

The committee agreed not to open the playground until all issues raised by the safety inspection have been rectified satisfactorily. The wording for a notice to be placed at the playground was agreed after minor modifications. It was agreed that the seats on the zip wire and swings would be removed to prevent use prior to opening. The committee believe AVA Recreation should be covering all insurance aspects until satisfactory handover.

A list of potential names for the play area had been submitted by the school and the committee agreed the "Coronation Park" was the most appropriate name.

Action – It was agreed that the Vice-chair would discuss the issue of part-payment with the Clerk and AVA Recreation the following day.

RA/23/079 – Fraser Road play area fire – update including potential alternative equipment

The recent bad weather was delaying work to prepare the area for partial reopening. The skip had been received but was attracting unauthorised deposits. It was suggested that councillors could possibly assist with remedial works subject to a full Risk Assessment being undertaken.

Action – Clerk to place sign on skip regarding unauthorised deposits.

RA/23/080 – Grounds maintenance contract tender process

It was agreed that the proposed tender be reviewed to include a schedule of works for the Lovedon Fields area which would be in council possession before the new contract takes effect.

Action – Working Group to revise schedule/tender documents to include Lovedon Fields.

RA/23/081 – Tree works/general maintenance

- Tree inspections – including recommended actions – The formal report has yet to be received but the inspector has informed the Clerk that no urgent works have been identified.
- Hedge at lower Broadview – reduction in height – Two quotations were received to cut the top and sides of the hedge to approximately 10/13 ft with removal of all arisings were received. The committee agreed to accept the quote of £525.00 from Contractor A, for these works.

Action: Clerk to advise parishioner of the proposed remedial actions.

- Church Green Bollards – A site meeting on Tuesday 9th May had been arranged to agree final locations for M.R.S Services (MRS) to install the bollards. MRS would remove the existing sandbags prior to the 8th May Coronation Fete being held on Church Green.
- Fryers Close play area – See RA/23/075 (above).

RA/23/082 – Fence around the lower football pitch – update on quotations

Quotations from three contractors were still awaited. It was agreed that the Vice-chair would discuss this issue with the Clerk whilst on site on Friday 5th May to determine what size and material type was actually required.

RA/23/083 – Tree roots in roadway at Burial Ground

It was felt that the root(s) in question needed to be investigated to determine what if any damage would result to the tree cover if the roots were exposed and removed. If little or no damage would result it was proposed that quotations be requested to expose, remove and patch the offending roots.

It was further suggested that if this work were undertaken a further quotation for additional 50mm of tarmac on the whole roadway would be sought. This would improve access for mourners and undertaking staff.

It was also noted that the bollard at the Burial Ground was awaiting purchase of a clip/padlock before it could be fully installed.

Action – Clerk to ensure appropriate clip/padlock is purchased to allow full installation of bollard.

Action – Clerk to obtain a report from the Tree Inspection company as to potential harm to tree cover if root pruning was undertaken.

RA/23/084 – Paths at the cremation area – options

Various options were discussed and it was felt that to achieve a suitable surface at least 50mm of existing surface would need to be removed and replaced with either self-binding gravel similar to that used on Lovedon Fields (CEDEC), or a synthetic product with a high recycled content such as Agriflex. The potential costs might require a phased approach and/or a possible grant application for CIL funding.

Action – Clerk to identify potential contractors capable of undertaking the work.

RA/23/085 – Lengthsman visit – programme of works.

Agreed that the recently created schedule should be used with the Chair advising on any changes.

RA/23/086 – Young adults gathering in Eversley Park play area

This was becoming an issue. Parishioners should be encouraged to report such incidents to the PCSO. Cllr Waters offered to act as liaison between the Parish and the PCSO. It was believed that there was a councillor nominated already for this role but no committee member was able to identify who that was. The Vice-chair undertook to discuss this with the Clerk to clarify and to add this to the next full council agenda.

Action – Vice-chair to discuss with Clerk the history of a Police Liaison Councillor and add item to full council agenda.

RA/23/087 – King Coronation celebration.

The bench had been delivered and installed with delivery of the dedication plaque scheduled for Friday 5th May. Vice-chair to ensure plaque was fitted prior to Coronation weekend.

Action – Vice-chair to arrange for fitting of plaque.

RA/23/088 – Review of Burial Ground charging structure.

The Vice-chair undertook to present a spreadsheet of potential revised charges at the next meeting. This would show existing charges with a range of potential percentage increases.

The “bench marking” exercise against nearby parishes would be held over until the new deputy clerk was in post.

Action – Vice-chair to provide details of potential revised charges for next meeting.

RA/23/089 – Items for inclusion in Council communications

- Status of Eversley Park refurbishment works.
- Date of Litter Pick.

RA/23/090 – Clerk’s Notices

Due to a strong local connection, a request had been made to charge our inside the parish fee for an upcoming burial. The committee considered this to be acceptable.

The request from the Worthys Youth Football Club to delay pitch closures by one week was accepted.

RA/23/091 – Chairman’s Notices

None.

RA/23/092 – Items for discussion at the next meeting – 8th June 2023

Outcomes of any actions relating to the recent play equipment inspections.

The meeting closed at 21:10.