

Kings Worthy Parish Council

RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 3 October 2013
at the Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road, Kings Worthy

Present: Councillors: Stewart Newell [Chairman]
Phil Allen
Mandy Hallisey
Kerstin Reiners
Sarah White

Clerk: Adrian Reeves

Public: 4

RA/13/122 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence

RA/13/123 Public Question Time

Skate Park – three members of the public presented a case for the provision of a skate park within Kings Worthy. Currently skateboarders were using temporary ramps within the MUGA but this does get in the way of its use for football and basketball. Nearest other options are at River Park Leisure Centre and South Wonston. It was accepted that skateboarding in the streets caused a nuisance and a purpose built area could be used by scooters and BMX. It was estimated that there were between 10 and 20 regular users from Kings Worthy alone and people were likely to travel from further afield. The users were looking for something like South Wonston which is fabricated from sprayed concrete and is much quieter than other possible surfaces. It was recommended that any concrete ramps were built by specialists.

Councillors agreed to give serious consideration to this proposal and to examine financial feasibility.

RA/13/124 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 5 September 2013

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

RA/13/125 Matters Arising from the Meeting of 5 September 2013

- **RA/13/114 Dog Fouling** – Cllr Reiners updated members on the dog fouling campaign which was launched at the Worthys Festival Dog Show on the 29 September 2013. Poster designs, the policy document and the leaflet have now been finalised, as had the map of bin locations. Details will be made available on our website and Facebook. **Action - Cllr Reiners**
- **RA/13/114 Eversley Park Playground Gates** – it was confirmed that the ROSPA Report had not recommended that revised handles were required for the other two gates.
- **RA/13/114 Upper Broadview Path** – it was agreed that this item be carried forward to the next meeting. **Action – Cllr Newell**
- **RA/13/114 Church Green Circus** – this had been a great success. For next time:
 - a. No parking on The Green for spectators' vehicles
 - b. The owners need to keep track of where advertising posters have been put so that they can ensure all are removed at the end of the event
 - c. Parish Council needs to examine the need for reinforcing the grass just outside the access barrier. **Action – Cllr Newell**
- **RA/13/114 Youth Council** – Cllr White mentioned Ringwood where 2/3 “advisers” were attached to the council. The Clerk was requested to look up the information from the discussions about the youth shelter. **Action – the Clerk**
- **RA/13/116 Eversley Park Top Path** – this is administered by Hampshire County Council as a public right of way. This is to be brought up in six months' time. Cllr Newell agreed to speak with Dan Massey. **Action – Cllr Newell & the Clerk**
- **RA/13/119 Church Green Close paths** – this work is currently in progress.

RA/13/126 Project Updates

- **Church Green Playground** – Cllr Reiners presented slides showing the current proposals. It was requested that a scale be added before the public consultation to provide an idea of height and that the top be made more curvy. A3 copies of these slides to be made available for the consultation. **Action – Cllr Reiners & the Clerk**

The consultation notice is on all of the PC noticeboards and the plan is to leaflet 140 properties; the Clerk to print the leaflets. **Action – the Clerk**

Cllr Newell tabled a paper on “messages for consultation”. It is necessary to construct arguments for changing the covenant which restricts the placement of the play area.

A rota of councillors is being arranged for staffing the public consultation. Cllr Newell is drafting a form to be used by members of the public to record their views. **Action – Cllr Newell**

Cllr White volunteered to speak to Kings Worthy Primary School about borrowing some display boards. **Action – Cllr White**

- **Eversley Park Path / Steps** – the path spur to the WSSC has been improved but the removal of the hedge stumps in the car park has not yet taken place. Final payment to the contractor will be withheld until this has taken place.

The ROSPA inspector had confirmed that hand-rails were not required on the steps.

- **Accessible Swing for Disabled Children** – Cllr Allen has met with the contractor and it was confirmed that there was adequate space in the suggested location; a quote has been requested for the provision and installation.
- **Fryers Close Playground** – three quotations have been received and it was agreed to go with Sovereign. It is to be requested that the roof of the Wendy House be omitted and the price adjusted accordingly. **Action – the Clerk**
- **Eversley Park Car Park Re-surfacing** – it was agreed to obtain quotes for this work so it can be considered by Parish Council as part of the overall project prioritisation. Cllr Newell undertook to write to Headbourne parish Council to ask if they were prepared to contribute to this work from their s106 sport monies. **Action – Cllr Newell & the Clerk**
- **Burial Ground Cremation Area Extension / Shrub Planting** – Sparsholt College have been approached to design the shrub planting but had not responded yet. The Clerk was asked to chase this up. **Action – the Clerk**
- **Bus Shelter** – the installation is planned for the week commencing 7th October.
- **Byelaw Signs** – these have not yet been received. The clerk has been chasing this up; Cllr Allen offered to provide the name of a contact higher up the management line if this was required. **Action – the Clerk**

RA/13/127 General Maintenance/Equipment Repairs

- **Sundial** – a letter threatening Small Claims Court action had been sent to the supplier, but no response had been received as yet. The Maintenance Technician to be asked to bring all the parts back to the office. **Action – the Clerk**

- **Maintenance Technician Task Listing** – the scheduled review meeting with Martyn Smith had been cancelled; a revised date is being arranged. **Action – the Clerk**

RA/13/128 Burial Ground Registrar's Quarterly Report

This was noted

RA/13/129 Tree Inspections / Maintenance

David Harris has submitted his report.

Fryers Close play area – one tree needs ivy removing fairly quickly.

Hinton House area – quite a few trees need ivy removing for further inspection.

Eversley Park - is alright at present.

Hinton Fields – one tree needs urgent detailed inspection.

RA/13/130 Budget 2014-15

Details were published of spending to the end of August and councillors were asked to give consideration to items and projects for detailed consideration at the next meeting. It was requested that public consultations be separated out from newsletters. **Action – the Clerk**

RA/13/131 Building Developer Facilities Strategy

Need to plan what Parish Council wants in the way of community facilities and to discuss this with WCC to prevent schemes being imposed on the council.

RA/13/132 Clerk's Notices

It was confirmed that the Burial Ground regulations only allowed access by assistance dogs. It was agreed that a chain hook be for outside the entrance be costed. **Action – the Clerk**

RA/13/133 Chairman's Notices

There were none.

RA/13/134 Items for the next Meeting's Agenda

None; tree and shrub management plan in 3 months' time.

RA/13/135 Date of next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled at 7.30pm on the 7 November 2013. The meeting closed at 10.29pm.

Signed.....

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