

Kings Worthy Parish Council

RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 7 March 2013
at the Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road, Kings Worthy

Present:	Councillors:	Sarah White [Chairman] Phil Allen Stewart Newell
	Clerk:	Colin Arnett
	Public:	0

RA/13/31 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Hallisey and Reiners.

RA/13/32 Public Question Time

None

RA/13/33 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7 February 2013

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

RA/13/34 Matters Arising from the Meeting of the 7 February 2013

- **RA/13/22 Dog Fouling** – Members discussed details of new signage which Cllr Hallisey had researched to replace the temporary signs. They asked the clerk to approach WCC Environmental Services to establish the availability of signs direct from WCC. It was also suggested that we ask if we could purchase some similar to the replacements which will be on the new lamp posts around Hampshire. **Action – the clerk**

The WCC Dog Warden had agreed to undertake an early morning visit to Eversley Park and would not recommend the use of a video camera to record an incidence.

Members agreed to a further “spray campaign” in April.

RA/13/34 Matters Arising from the Meeting of the 7 February 2013 cont

- **RA/13/22 Nations Hill/Springvale Road Bus Shelter** – the clerk was asked to chase the HCC Design Team for an update and to inform them that the building work at Red Marley had commenced. **Action – the clerk**
- **RA/13/22 Community Infrastructure Levy [CIL]** – Cllr Allen indicated that he had further work to complete on the exercise in identifying the gaps in the play/sport provision.

RA/13/35 Project Updates

- **Church Green Play Area** – Cllr White gave a presentation from the designer as to his proposals and the type of equipment which could be included.

He had moved the location from the Church Graveyard boundary to an area between the steps and specimen conifer tree.

The options for equipment included; tunnels both large and small, steps and other numerous types of wooden play pieces, together with tree and hedge planting.

Members were undecided about the new location and some of the suggested equipment which they considered was more suitable for a woodland setting. Cllr Allen was particularly concerned with regard to small tunnels which were difficult to keep clean and access if a child was in difficulties.

Members decided to defer any decision until the return of Cllr Reiners and an opportunity for the project group to meet.

- **Eversley Park Path** – Cllr White indicated that the contractor was still not able to commence the work due to the inclement weather. The clerk was arranging for a proforma invoice to be raised by the contractor to ensure that the monies were not forfeited with the onset of the new financial year.

Members express their concerns with SSE volunteers being used to construct the steps and recommended that this should be undertaken by a qualified contractor.

- **Fryers Close** – Members agreed that the refurbishment of this area would be the next project after Church Green.
- **Byelaws** – Cllr White had managed to reduce the byelaws down to three pages for the general signage. HALC were unable to assist in abbreviating having no previous experience and suggested that WCC be approached. **Action – the clerk**
- **KWCC Raised Flowerbed** – further drawings incorporating councillor's suggestions are awaited from Charlotte Smith.

RA/13/36 General Maintenance/Equipment Repairs

- **Playground Equipment** – our maintenance technician had started work on repairing the toddler roundabout at Eversley Park and will repair the wet-pour surfacing in the Fraser Road exercise area when the weather permitted
- **Sundial** – Members concurred with the comments received from Cllr Welstead and suggested that a stainless steel unit be costed as a replacement for the already tarnished brass unit. Members asked the clerk to establish if Cllr Welstead would be prepared to undertake the project.
Action – the clerk
- **Burial Ground Compost Bins** – a further two replacement bins had been ordered as the existing bins had also been found to be rotten.
- **Grounds Maintenance Contract** – Cllr White reported that three contractors had been short-listed for interview on the 14 March 2013.
- **Eversley Park Litter Bin** – Members discussed replacing the old existing bin adjacent to the children’s playground at Eversley Park. They agreed that the maintenance technician be asked to spray the bin black to improve its appearance. Councillors would then monitor its use in the coming months as to whether a replacement was in fact needed or consider removing the unit.
Action – the clerk

RA/13/37 Tree Inspections/Maintenance

Cllr White shared with members the results of the tree inspections which she and Cllr Allen had accompanied the consultant arboriculturist.

The principal recommendations from the report were that we should have a detailed schedule of our trees, together with a planned maintenance programme.

David Harris had recommended a more detailed 2 day survey of the trees on Eversley Park at a cost of £250 per day.

The ivy should be removed from two trees on Broadview, whose safety had been questioned by neighbours, to ascertain their condition. The clerk was asked to obtain quotations. **Action – the clerk**

Members agreed that our solicitor be approached to establish the south, east and west boundaries at Eversley Park in order to clarify the ownership of the trees, prior to the full survey of this area.

Action – the clerk

It was decided that the dying chestnut on Church Green should be reviewed in May to ascertain its condition.

RA/13/38 Playground Inspections

Members considered the notes from the deputy clerk who accompanied the inspector on his visit together with our maintenance technician.

Members looked forward to receiving the official report, however they consider that some interim work could be undertaken immediately; the turfing of worn areas could be undertaken by the maintenance technician; Scandor should fix the chain on the basket swing and replacement planks be costed for the climbing equipment at Eversley Park. **Action – the clerk**

RA/13/39 Website

Cllr White had received training for the website, together with Cllr Reiners and Cllr Welland from Headbourne Worthy PC. She suggested that on the return of Cllr Reiners that a review be undertaken as to the responsibilities on up-loading data. The deputy clerk may wish to be involved.

Discussion took place on the use of social media such as Facebook and Twitter following Cllr White's attendance at a seminar organised by HALC.

Members were not convinced on the merits and agreed to refer the matter to the website project group.

RA/13/40 Newsletter

Cllr White reported that the Spring Edition of the newsletter had been delivered.

The clerk was asked to check the access arrangements to properties in Broadview Close. **Action – the clerk**

RA/13/41 Items to be considered for the Monthly Communication

Members suggested including; Tree Inspections; ROSPA Report.

RA/13/42 Clerk's Notices

- **Swing for Disabled Children** – Cllr Newell agreed to progress this project.
- **Eversley Park - Football Training** – a request had been received from an organisation based at Henry Beaufort School to use Eversley Park for football training. Members recommended that the request be declined and agreed that priority should be given the WYFC.
- **Littleton & Harestock PC** – a request had been received for a contribution towards resurfacing the car park at their recreation ground. Members recommended that the request be declined in view of there being various projects needing funding within our own parish.
- **North Walls Skate Park** – a similar request for funding had been received from WCC. Members again recommended that the request be declined.

RA/13/43 Chairman's Notices

None

RA/13/44 Items for the next Meeting's Agenda

Members suggested; Tree maintenance; ROSPA report

RA/13/45 Date of next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled at 7.30pm on the 4 April 2013. The meeting closed at 10.27pm.

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Date