

Kings Worthy Parish Council

RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 29 November 2012
at the Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road, Kings Worthy**

Present:	Councillors:	Sarah White [Chairman] Phil Allen Mandy Hallisey Kerstin Reiners
	Public:	0

RA/12/150 Apologies for Absence

None

RA/12/151 Public Question Time

None

RA/12/152 Election of Vice-Chairman

In the event of Cllr Bohle's resignation, there was discussion regarding who should take this on. A decision was deferred until the January meeting

RA/12/153 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1 November 2012

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

RA/12/154 Matters Arising from the Meeting of the 1 November 2012

- **Dog Fouling** – Cllrs were pleased that generally there had been few problems during the recent Dog Poo praying initiative around the Fraser Road, Pound Road, Harwood Place, North Road area. However the two tricky spots, on the footpath up from Pound Road, along the back of the Fraser Road properties and the along the side of the path from Harwood Place to Forbes Road, did not seem to have improved particularly over the fortnight. There were discussions as to how to proceed next in order to improve the situation.

RA/12/154 Matters Arising from the Meeting of the 1 November 2012 cont

It was agreed that the previously prepared "Responsible Dog Owners Unite" cards would be dropped through doors to the Fraser Road and Harwood Place properties in order to encourage the neighbours to take action.

Action – Cllr Reiners

- **Grounds Supervisor** – A date was still awaited from the arboriculturist to inspect the council's trees. Hopefully it would become clear in the New Year if we needed a new permanent supervisor

RA/12/155 Project Updates

- **Church Green Play Area** - there were discussions on how best to proceed in light of not currently having a clear mandate from the public to proceed and concerns raised at the Parish Council meeting regarding the size of the development, the fact that residents appreciated the rural feel of the green, that there was no parking available for visitors and the difficulty of crossing a busy road. It was thought that a much smaller, unfenced play area of natural looking wooden equipment that was less obvious to passers-by and possibly incorporating encouragement of playing in the wild flower area and maybe a small planted area suitable for tending by young children would be more appropriate. Cllr Reiners had previously noted that the designer of the Micheldever Woods play area may be able to provide something more suitable. Incorporation of part of the trunk of the now dying Horse Chestnut tree was discussed, but apparently this would be too soft and likely to decay completely in a very short period of time. It was agreed to approach the designer concerned for some suggestions on what may be possible

Action – Cllrs Reiners and Hallisey

- **Eversley Park – Path** – the clerk continued to be in regular liaison with Caroway but the weather was still not suitable for commencement of the project **Action – the clerk**
- **Tubbs Hall Flower Bed** – the designs as suggested by Charlotte Smith were looked at and discussed. A combination design with a central paved area and the Sea Captains information board in placed in one of the side beds was agreed to be most appropriate. It was also discussed having wooden seating on the inner aspect of the beds and possibly fittings for a gazebo incorporated into the design as well as steps down onto the main green. It was agreed to approach Mrs Smith for a further design and help with a planting scheme, but as a paid consultant **Action – Cllr White**
- **Disabled Swing** – Cllr Bohle had sourced a potentially suitable swing. Cllr Allen agreed to look into this further and get appropriate quotes **Action - Cllr Allen**

RA/12/156 General Maintenance/Equipment Repairs

- **Trees** – the quote for lifting the canopy height of trees overhanging a property on Tovey Place was discussed. It was agreed that the council should only be funding the making safe of trees and that any overhanging greenery that a neighbour wished removing for their convenience should be paid for by the neighbour. Cllr Allen agreed to inspect this area further **Action – Cllr Allen**
- **Legion Lane Fence** – the contractor had been requested to go ahead with replacing the fence with a concrete post and wire design
- **Burial Ground Trees** – Cllr Allen will give an account to the committee when his report on this is available. **Action – Cllr Allen**
- **Eversley Park - Cricket Nets** – The material required for repairing the larger holes was awaited. It was agreed that the nets would be put in storage through till the spring after the repairs had been completed
Action – Cllr Allen/clerk

RA/12/157 Open Spaces

The request from WCC to itemise our green areas in preparation for the new way of allocating recreational areas via building developers payments was discussed. Cllrs started to define the appropriate areas. Cllr Allen would plot these on a parish map for checking with the rest of the committee before submitting to WCC. The committee felt it would be useful to have a better idea on the requirements for green areas in a parish and how these were calculated. Cllr White agreed to try to clarify further with Stuart Dunbar Dempsey of WCC
Action – Cllrs Allen and White

RA/12/158 Website

Cllr White agreed to arrange a meeting for the website subgroup with Peter Byford regarding further updates and training purposes

RA/12/159 Budget 2013-14

Further information had been obtained on current expenditure, but this needed clarifying for further discussion. Cllr White would circulate a more understandable set of data **Action – Cllr White**

RA/12/160 Clerk's Notices

None

RA/12/161 Chairman's Notices

None

RA/12/162 Items for the next Meetings Agenda

To included those items which were on-going

RA/12/163 Date of next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled at 7.30pm on the 3 January 2013. The meeting closed at 10.05pm.

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Date