



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Roads, Footpaths & Commons Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 9 December 2014 in The Parish Office, Victoria Road, Mortimer at 6:30 pm

Present:

Councillors: D Ives (Chairman), J Earl, J Bull, M Dennett, A Butcher and M Lock

Clerk: Mrs J Kirk

Public/Press: None

1. **To receive Apologies:** Cllr: J Earl, A Philips and A Colaço.
2. **To receive any Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Dennett declared Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in item No 5 regarding the parking outside the café.
3. **To receive financial update for 2014/2015:** The Clerk advised that out of a budget of £2,000 for the current financial year (2014/2015) £260 had to date been spent. Outstanding tree work on Windmill Common identified in the Woodland Survey - (by Sapling Arboriculture Ltd dated 13.3.2014 - Full Council Minute No 14/77 10 April 2014). A quotation for the tree works on Windmill Common has been received for £1,970 plus VAT which is more or less within the budget. The Committee felt that it was important to get this work done before the deadline date of 31.3.2015 from the current year's budget and asked the Clerk to go ahead.
4. **To receive verbal report from The Clerk on any current, ongoing or outstanding matters:** Tree work as above. Five Oaken and Heath Elm (near war memorial) Commons are still to be registered. The Clerk confirmed that she has discussed this with the SMPC solicitor and once the documentation has been completed and delivered to him work can commence. It was agreed to ask the Finance & General Purposes Committee (F & GP) to include £700 into the 2015/2016 budget. It was then agreed that members of the Committee and the Custodian would visit Five Oaken in the New Year to assess it and if necessary do any tidying up etc.
6:55pm Cllr Dennett have previously declared a DPI for the following item left the meeting.
5. **To receive update and consider further the parking issue outside of 36/38 Victoria Road (the Café):** Further to full council Minute No 14/131 of 12 June 2014 regarding WBC's costing to raise the kerb and look into the possibility of moving the pathway onto the land owners private land. As nothing came of the second option the Committee discussed looking into installing bollards on the roadside edge of the pavement instead and to ask F & GP to include a figure of £4,000 into the 2015/2016 budget to carry out this work.
7:05pm Cllr Dennett returned to the meeting
The Clerk was also asked to speak to West Berkshire Council, following several complaints, re changing the status of the parking restrictions on the stretch of road opposite Mortimer Lane on the south Side of The Street.
6. **To consider any items for the 2015/2016 budget for non-maintenance items:** The Committee discussed various options and agreed to ask the F & GP to include the following
 - a figure of say £1,000 to refurbish the public notice boards.
 - £700 for Registration of Commons (see above).
 - £4,000 for parking restrictions outside the café, Victoria Road (see above).

Meeting closed at 7:28 pm.