



# Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

## Minutes of the Fairground, Trees and Amenities Committee Meeting

held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016 @ 7.30 pm

at The Parish Council Office, 27 Victoria Road, Mortimer. RG7 3SH

### Present:

Councillors: Cllr. P. Blagden (Chairman), Cllr. M. Dennett, Cllr. J. Earl, Cllr. J. Bull, Cllr. P. Challis, Cllr. M. Johnson, Cllr. N. Kiley, Cllr. M. Lock.

Clerk: Haydn Selwyn-Jones – Parish Clerk

Public/Press: No members of the public and no members of the press present.

<b>Part I</b>		
<b>16/14</b>	<b>Public Questions</b> None	
<b>16/15</b>	<b>To receive any apologies for absence</b> Apologies were received from Cllr. A Richardson.	
<b>16/16</b>	<b>To receive any declarations of interest and dispensations</b> None	
<b>16/17</b>	<b>To receive update on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016 Minutes and any outstanding actions</b> None	
<b>16/18</b>	<b>Fairground Conservation Area</b> The Clerk gave an update on the fencing that had been put in and reported that WBC are looking to repair the footpath across the Conservation Area, but budgets are still an issue. The Clerk has asked what the cost would be if SMPC paid for the repairs, but no answer received yet.	
<b>16/19</b>	<b>Fairground boundary fencing</b> The Clerk reported that the proposal agreed at the last Fairground, Trees & Amenities meeting to re-wire the fencing along the boundary with Windmill Road did not go ahead as barbed wire, which is currently in place and needs replacing, is not permitted for such fencing. Quotes have been received but difficulties arranging action with the Contractors due to their work pressures It was proposed by Cllr. P. Blagden, seconded by Cllr. J. Earl that the fence should be re-wired with smooth wire and to proceed with the removal of the fallen down wooden fencing along boundary with Hammonds Heath, which was <b>AGREED</b> unanimously.	Clerk
<b>16/20</b>	<b>To receive an update on ponds</b> The Clerk reported that conversations had been had with a number of pond experts, but none had the expertise to manage the Ponds on the Fairground and by the Memorial at the top of Hammonds Heath. However contact had today been made with a new contractor for other aspects of maintenance on the Fairground who also had a team with the expertise that we are looking for a meeting is being set up to look at the fairground as a whole as well the ponds.	
<b>16/21</b>	<b>Gorse removal and clean-up of trees and shrubs</b>	



	Cllr. J. Earl expressed his thanks also for the James and Will Strang for the help they also provided in hiring SMPC the trailer used for collection and the help on site to get the tree installed and decorated. It was requested that the Clerk write to them to express the appreciation of the Council for their help.	Clerk
<b>16/26</b>	<b>To decide next meeting date</b> TBA for no later than mid February 2017	
<b>16/27</b>	<b>Exclusion of Press and Public</b> It was proposed by Cllr. P. Blagden, seconded by Cllr. M. Lock to exclude members of the press and public from the meeting at Part II, Item 16/28 on the Agenda due to the confidential nature of the information being discussed, which was <b>AGREED</b> unanimously.	
<b><u>Part II</u></b>		
<b>16/28</b>	<b>To discuss and decide on budget proposals for 2017-2018</b> The Clerk gave a verbal report on the structure of the Fairground budget for 2016-2017 and the spend to-date. This was then discussed and it was decided Special Projects should remain at the same level and include Spring Bulbs	

The meeting closed at 8:55 pm.