



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Minutes of the Fairground, Trees and Amenities Committee Meeting

held on 19th July 2016 @ 7.00 pm

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

Present:

Councillors: Cllr. J. Earl (Chairman), Cllr. J. Bull, Cllr. P. Challis, Cllr. A Richardson.

Clerk: Haydn Selwyn-Jones – Parish Clerk

Public/Press: Cllr. M. Johnson attended as a member of the public and no members of the press present.

16/01	Public Questions None	
16/02	To receive any apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllr. P. Blagden, Cllr. M. Dennett, Cllr. N. Kiley, Cllr. M. Lock.	
16/03	To receive any declarations of interest and dispensations None	
16/04	To receive update on 1st September 2015 Minutes and any outstanding actions None	
16/05	To consider options for the fencing around the Conservation area The quote received from C&D Facilities to erect 66m half round post and rail fencing to fill the existing gap in the fencing between the Conservation Area and the grazing Area was proposed by Cllr. J. Earl, seconded by Cllr A. Richardson and AGREED to proceed with unanimously.	
16/06	To consider options for fencing along Fairground boundary with Hammonds Heath and Windmill Lane It was proposed by Cllr. J. Earl, seconded by Cllr. J. Bull and AGREED unanimously to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Clear any barbed wire from Fairground fence along Windmill Lane upto Grazing Area entrance on Hammonds Heath and to proceed with the quote received from C&D Facilities to erect 113m 3 strands smooth wire to existing concrete posts, including tree and scrub removal. ii. Remove broken down wooden fencing along Hammonds Heath boundary of the Fairground from the Grazing Area to the top wooden fencing along Victoria Road. iii. Replace the wooden fencing from edge of Hammonds Heath to join up with fencing along Victoria Road. 	Clerk
16/07	To consider the options for the western area wall and fence boundary It was proposed by Cllr. A, Richardson, seconded by Cllr. P. Challis and AGREED unanimously to proceed with the quote from C&D Facilities to clear back the tree, scrub and holly growth along the Fairground western area wall and fence boundary to open up the areas being used for antisocial behaviour.	Clerk

16/08	To consider options for the ponds The Clerk was requested to get advice.	Clerk
16/09	To receive an update on Gorse removal and clean-up of shrubs and trees along the boundary of the Fairground cricket area and Hammonds Heath It was confirmed that the work had been started with the first phase by the boundary with the Conservation Area having been completed and phase 2 being completed Winter 2016, phase 3 Spring 2017 and phase 4 Winter 2017. Each area will then be the subject of phased trim backs to maintain the new growth.	
16/10	To consider and respond to MVP's offer to fund the suggested new power supplies for the Fairground Cllr. J. Earl updated on the project by advising that Cllr. N. Kiley was obtaining quotes with the CIC being used as a source for power.	
16/11	To receive Annual Playground Inspection Report and agree on Clerk sourcing quotes for necessary repair work The Clerk was requested to draw up an action plan for the recommended repair work.	Clerk
16/12	To receive minor matters, correspondence and future agenda items for information only The Clerk raised the request by OAC Ministries to use the Fairground for a day of evangelistic tent meetings for children. In view of the concerns that this organisation had no recognised affiliation with any of the denominational Church Together Groups, it was requested that the Clerk reply to OAC Ministries refusing their request. It was AGREED that a review should be made regarding the due diligence process undertaken when requests to use the Fairground ensuring that at all times any booking request <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Provides full booking contact details ii. Come with recommendations or referrals from within the Community iii. There is no adverse media relating to the organisation requesting the booking iv. Must be able to be validated Cllr. A. Richardson advised that there are areas of the Tennis Courts where the surface is starting break up and need attention and was asked to report back. He also commented on the need to promote the use of the Tennis Courts as felt that the public use is very low. On discussing this it was raised that the lack of Toilets on the Fairground may be an issue and the Clerk was requested to investigate options. Cllr. J. Bull raised the need to progress with the Car Park repairs and the Clerk was requested to Liaise with Cllr. M. Dennett to progress matters. He also raised the need to order the Fairground Christmas Tree. Cllr. P. Challis raised the issue of the bramble re-growth in the first section of Gorse cutback by the Conservation Area and the Clerk advised that this was already under review with C&D Facilities	Clerk Clerk AR Clerk Clerk Clerk
16/13	To decide next meeting date TBA	

The meeting closed at 9:38 pm.