



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Roads, Footpaths & Commons Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 31st October 2011 in The Parish Office, Victoria Road, Mortimer at 7:30 pm

Present: Cllrs: D Ives (Chairman), P Wingfield, J Bull, P Blagden, A Philips, J Earl and M Dennett and the Clerk.

1. **To receive Apologies:** Cllr: R Barker,
2. **To receive any Declarations of Interest:** None.
3. **To receive the Minutes of the last Committee Meeting on the 5th September 2011:** These were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
4. **To receive update on the 2011/2012 Committee Budget, current status and estimated spend still outstanding:** The Committee has not as yet spent any of the budget allocation for 2011/2012 but there are still some outstanding tree works.
 - It was agreed to hold over the quotations for cleaning the war memorial. The Clerk is to obtain a quotation to consider other proposals for dealing with this situation.
 - Many of the 'dragons teeth' around the war memorial pond are either damaged/loose/missing/rotten. It was agreed to recommend to the Council to accept the quotation to remove existing and replace all the dragon's teeth (using good quality posts guaranteed for 15 years) at a cost of £696.00 plus VAT using S106 monies (WBC have endorsed this spend)
5. **To consider WBC's Rights of Way Improvement Plan and working with parishes/local open space management document:** The Committee considered this document (previously circulated) and it was agreed to recommend to the Finance and General Purposes Committee that the Council do not increase the precept for West Berkshire Council Rights of Way. It was agreed that under the Local Open Spaces Management section the Parish Council would supply details of their asset base.
6. **To consider 2012/2012 Committee Budget to include identifying any new projects:**
The budget proposals for 2012/2013 (to go forward to the F & G P Committee) were discussed and agreed as follows:

Registering Commons (Heath Elm & Five Oaken)	£ 2,000
Provision of other traffic calming measures	£ 5,000
Tree Inspection & cost of tree works	£ 500
Rights of way improvements, sign posting rights of way, publication of Mortimer walks booklet, provision of information boards	£ 1,500
Total recommended Budget	£9,000

7. **To re-consider parking solutions for St Mary's Junior School:** The Parish Council have not considered this since May 2010 and the Clerk has been asked to contact Cllr Mollie Lock/West Berkshire Council to ascertain the current situation regarding parking on the road outside the school etc and report back to the next meeting.
8. **To receive minor matters and future agenda items:** A review of the SMPC common areas together with a map.
9. **Date of Next Committee Meeting:** TBA

Meeting closed at 9:24 pm.