



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Fairground, Trees & Amenities Committee

Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd April 2012 at 7:30 pm in the Parish Office, Victoria Road, Mortimer.

Present: Cllrs: P Blagden (Chairman), D Morsley, D Ives, P Wingfield, A Philips, J Bull and M Lock.
Clerk: Mrs J Kirk

1. **Apologies:** Cllr. R Barker
2. **Declaration of Interest:** None
3. **To consider quotations for urgent tree work and tree maintenance work on the Fairground with a view to making a recommendation to the Full Council:** Two quotations for urgent tree work/maintenance tree work were considered and it was agreed to recommend to the full Council to agree and accept the quotation for £1,350.00 inc VAT.
4. **To receive update and proposal from Kompan Ltd regarding replacement of the broken Eye Chimes:** the Clerk reported that she and Cllr Ives had met with a representative of Kompan on site who have offered to remove and dispose of the broken eye chimes and give the Parish Council a credit of £2,850 (original cost of Eye Chimes) towards another piece of equipment. It was agreed to accept this offer and the Clerk to action. It was agreed to recommend to the full Council to use the credit to purchase a piece of outside Adult Exercise Equipment up to the value of £3,400 (to be funded by a contribution from SMPC up to £600).
5. **To consider location for a seat to be purchased in memory of the late Cllr Clark:** The Committee agreed the location for the seat and the Clerk is to order the seat.
6. **To consider a possible idea for an application for a Community Parish Plan Grant 2012:** The Committee considered the provision of an outdoor concrete table tennis table and agreed to recommend to the full Council to make an application for a Community Parish Plan Grant of £2,524.50 towards the purchase and installation of an outdoor table tennis table for the Fairground at a total cost including VAT of £2,970 to include SMPC match funding of £334.50.
7. **To receive information/quotations for the possible provision of adult exercise equipment:** See above.
8. **To consider other future projects:** It was agreed to recommend to the full council that the Parish Council start to look into replacing the multiplay unit in the Play Area: It was agreed to do this.

9. **To receive updates on:**
 - Playground Annual RoSPA Safety Inspection: This has been booked and will be carried out during the month of April.
 - Playground Inspection Maintenance contract: It was agreed to accept the quotation from Solutions4playgrounds on a quarterly basis to carry out a detailed inspection on all items including tightening of loose bolts, lubrication of moving parts if required and inspection of the Giant swing bearing would be £275.00+ VAT per visit. This would also include a fully documented report with photographs for our records.
 - Custodian Weekly Inspection Programme/RoSPA Playground and Maintenance One-Day Training Course (for Custodian) at a cost of £230.00. It was agreed that the Custodian should attend this course.
10. **To consider how SMPC covers essential/emergency work on the Fairground in the Custodian's absence e.g. bin emptying, litter clearance etc:** It was agreed that Cllr Blagden and the Clerk would request volunteers for a rota to cover the Custodian's routine jobs on the Fairground/Cemetery.
11. **To consider danger of fire risk (and prohibited use of BBQs) on the Fairground:** There is a poster already in existence for this and these are to be displayed when the weather is dry.
12. **To receive proposed annual programme of maintenance work to include any resultant costs:**
 - Bulb planting: Held over to the next meeting.
 - Selective weed killing on recreational area: Held over for a future meeting.
 - Grass cutting programme: This is the same as in previous years and the grazing area is to be cut in time for the Jubilee celebrations.
 - Cutting back unwanted undergrowth around the playground: This is to be actioned by the working party.
 - The care and maintenance of the newly planted trees: It was noted that the new lime trees on the Fairground are growing well.
 - Pond Clearance: The Clerk to look into this again and report back to the next Committee Meeting.
13. **To receive update on the provision of electricity in the grazing area:** The provision of 2 x pole mounted electricity supplies has been actioned and will be completed before the end of May.
14. **To receive update on the provision of Allotments:** Englefield Estates have been approached for an alternative piece of land for the provision of allotments. Agenda item next time.
15. **To receive brief update on the arrangements for The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Event:** A brief update was given to the Committee.
16. **To receive minor matters and future agenda items:**
 - It was agreed to consider/budget resurfacing the Fairground Car Park within the next year or so.
 - Consider signing to the Community Centre.
15. **Date of next meeting:** Monday 21st May 2012

Meeting closed at 9:11 pm.