



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Fairground, Trees & Amenities Committee

Meeting held on Monday 21st May 2012 at 7:30 pm in the Parish Council Office, Victoria Road, Mortimer.

Present: Cllrs: P Blagden (Chairman), D Morsley, D Ives, P Wingfield, J Bull, N Kiley and G Puddephatt (from item No 6).

Clerk: In the absence of the Clerk Cllr Wingfield took notes.

1. **Apologies:** None
2. **Declaration of Interest:** Cllr N Kiley as Trustee of the Fairground.
3. **To approve Minutes of the last Committee Meeting of 3rd April 2012:** These were approved as a true record.
4. **To receive update from Clerk on outstanding projects:** Cllr Wingfield read out each item which was discussed:
 - The Electricity metres/boxes and supply is to be connected within the next couple of days. It was agreed that a Policy/Agreement for usage for hirers would need to be drawn up.
 - The contractor has today advised that he no longer wishes to carry out the concreting jobs such as fixing seats, benches, dog bin and litter bins etc and Cllr Bull is to help source a contractor to supply an alternative quote for these items plus a quote for the base for the table tennis table.
 - Table Tennis Table – see above and the location has been agreed to the east of the tennis courts.
 - The new shed has been installed and the Parish Council (custodian) is using the right hand side (long ways) to store equipment. An additional key will have to be ordered at an approximate cost of £15 from the shed manufacturers for use by the Youth Club.
 - The scheduled tree work (including the additional branch) is to go ahead on the 28th May for 3 days. The footpath from West End Road to Windmill Road will have to be closed.
 - The grass in the grazing area is being cut this week and the contractors have kindly said that they will bring a roller attachment to try and sort out the damage in both the front and grazing areas. The Clerk to be urgently advised to make sure that the changed cutting regime from the newt corridor to The Street is implemented and the area not cut.
6. **To receive estimate from Kompan Ltd for the installation of the adult exercise equipment Unit.** The detailed quote for the exercise equipment (which is triple the price) was considered. It was agreed that Kompan should be contacted to query the quote. The original diagram with price scribbled on it should be used as evidence.
7. **To receive report on the 2012 RoSPA Safety Inspection Report:** Has not yet been received the Clerk will present it to the next full council meeting and any significant actions will then be taken back to the Fairground Committee for consideration/action.
8. **To receive update on pond clearance:** The Clerk has made contact with the Kennet Valley Trust and is trying to find another contractor to quote for this work.

9. **To consider request from Tennis Club to clean surface of courts and costs:** The courts were last cleaned in March 2011 at a cost of £780 plus VAT. There is a small amount of lichen in places. The Tennis Club have advised that two players slipped when playing in the rain! Even if the courts are cleaned they will still be slippery when wet. It was agreed to go ahead and purchase a sign saying 'Caution surface slippery when wet'. It is estimated that the cost of this sign will be approx. £30. It was agreed to monitor the situation and to also sweep the courts, if appropriate, once the lichen has dried off.
10. **To receive update on the proposed annual programme of maintenance work to include any resultant costs to include:**
 - Bulb planting: Agreed that 2 sacks of bulbs could be purchased in the Autumn.
 - Selective weed killing on recreational area: This was agreed but only on the western half of the recreational area leaving everything to the east of the CiC building without any spray so that we are not competing with the Cricket Club's ground maintenance. Clerk to obtain a quotation.
11. **To receive update on the provision of Allotments:** The tabled sequence of actions was agreed. It is now important to get a site visit with the land owners as soon as possible.
12. **To consider the feasibility of providing public toilets on the Fairground:** It was agreed that Cllr Bull would find out the costs of siting two semi permanent portaloos on the Fairground. The location, colour and anchorage etc. is also to be investigated, along with a management/maintenance costing is also to be investigated with a report back to the next meeting.
13. **To receive a brief update on the arrangements for The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Event:** This is all in hand the next working party meeting is the following day.
14. **To receive minor matters and future agenda items:** The subject of the ruts on the Fairground near the tennis courts was discussed. It was agreed that following a meeting that had taken place between Cllrs Blagden and Kiley and the Cricket Club that the Cricket Club would give a price for remediation, at the same time the Custodian would be asked if he could attempt to fix the ruts and the Clerk to be asked if she could price that option. It was felt that it would be best if this could be done as a matter of some urgency in the spirit of cooperation between the Parish Council and the Cricket Club.
15. **Date of next meeting:** Pencilled in for the 25th June subject to progress.

Meeting closed at 9:00 pm.