



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Roads, Footpaths & Commons Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 30th January 2013 in The Parish Office, Victoria Road, Mortimer at 7:30 pm

Present:

Councillors: D Ives (Chairman), J Earl, J Bull, P Blagden, A Philips (from 7:50pm)

Clerk: Mrs J Kirk

Public/Press: None

1. **To receive Apologies:** Cllrs: P Wingfield, M Dennett and A Colaço
2. **To receive any Declarations of Interest:** None.
3. **To receive updates on any actions from the Committee Meeting of 26th April 2012 (that are not an agenda item for this meeting):**
 - No. 4: Cycle Rack: As all the previously possible sites identified were not possible for one reason or another it was agreed that Cllr Blagden would approach the Horse and Groom to see if they could use the cycle rack there.
 - No 5: Bollards in West End Road Car Park: Action complete. These have either been rectified or removed.
 - No. 6: PTA Clothes Bin in West End Road Car Park: West Berkshire Council (WBC) have said that they could not go ahead with this scheme with a third party. The Committee agreed that no further action would be taken on this.
 - No. 7: WBC have said that it would be difficult to find a suitable/safe place to place notice board in the car park and would not recommend it, the Committee agreed and no further action would be taken on this.
 - No 11: Debris at the road edge in The Street: This has been actioned.
 - No 13: Update on the progression of a parking solution for St Mary's Junior School: Cllr Lock is to be asked for a progress report.
Cllr Philips arrived.
 - No 14: Housing Development Signs West End Road: The removal of these signs has been actioned.
4. **To receive update on the tree inspection and maintenance programme for 2013/2014:** The Clerk has been asked to obtain an annual independent tree survey quotation for all Parish Council owned trees on public rights of way (Fairground, Cemetery and Windmill Common) and report back.
5. **To receive update on the registration of Heath End Pond Common and the small plot of land at Five Oaken Common:** The Clerk to progress a quotation and report back.
6. **To receive update on the pavement parking outside of the Café in Victoria Road:** Cllr Ives advised that this issue had been raised earlier in the year with the PCSO and it had also been raised again more recently when two residents one with a mobility scooter and one with a pushchair could not pass on the pavement and had to revert to using the road. It was agreed the Clerk would contact West Berkshire Council to ask for guidance/site visit on this and whether the pavement should be raised and/or install more bollards.
7. **To receive update on the provision of a new kissing gate at Hammonds Heath (full Council Meeting Minute September 2012 (12/198) refers:**
The payment for this is to be on the agenda for the 14th February 2013 meeting.
8. **To receive update on the re-installation of the bollard at the War Memorial:**

This has been reported to West Berkshire Council who are to re-position the damaged bollard.

9. **To receive any minor matters (for information only) and future Agenda Items:**

- As a number of accidents have occurred on the bend at Mowbray Hill to ask the Council to discuss with WBC to make it safer.
- To chase WBC regarding the clearance of Summerlug Common.
- To chase WBC regarding the mowing of the footpath between Victoria Road and Croft Road.
- To re-consider the PC providing salt bins.

Meeting closed at 9:50 pm.