



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Fairground, Trees & Amenities Committee

Meeting held on Tuesday 25 June 2013 at 7:30 pm in the Parish Council Office, Victoria Road, Mortimer.

**Present:** Cllrs: P Blagden (Chairman), J Bull, P Wingfield, M. Lock, D Morsley and J Earl  
Clerk: Mrs J Kirk  
Member of the Public: One

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs M Dennett and Cllr N Kiley
2. **To receive any Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **To receive update from the Clerk on recently completed and outstanding projects/work to include any work resultant from vandalism:**  
The clerk advised of the recently completed and current outstanding work on the Fairground. These included:
  - Following the attempted break in to the Parish Council's Shed all of the repair works namely the tennis court fences, gates and the shed itself have now been carried out.
  - The manufacturers of the Titan play equipment are to return to site to replace all of the fixing pins for each section of the Titan as there has been a further problem with a fixing pin on a different section. This work is to be carried out within the next two weeks. The rope hanger swing has also been removed as the wires inside the rope have broken (through wear and tear) and strands of metal are protruding through the rope. The F T & A Committee discussed this and agreed that this section should be replaced with a further Pendulum seat. The manufacturers have given a costing of £180.00 (which includes a 30% discount) and they will fit the seat when visiting the site foc. It was agreed that the Clerk could go ahead and action this.
  - The Clerk advised that the Finance and General Purposes Committee (F & GP) on the 17 June 2013 had resolved to recommend to the full council that the 4 by junior swings with safety surface using S106 monies. The Fairground Committee looked at the different quotations that had been obtained by The Clerk and agreed with the F & GP's recommendation that this is actioned as quickly as possible ahead of the school holiday break.
4. **To discuss future treatment of the crassula helmsii weed in the ponds:**  
It was agreed that both ponds require a further treatment for the Crassula Helmsii weed again this year and asked the Clerk to make arrangements for the work to be carried out with the licensed specialist contractor.
5. **To arrange a rota of cover to empty bins etc during the Custodian's leave:** Cllr Blagden has contacted all Council members and arranged a rota of volunteers to empty the litter bins on the Fairground during the Custodian's absence. The Committee offered him a vote of thanks for organising this.
6. **To discuss requirements for a quotation re the cutting down/clearing of some of the gorse etc on the paths adjacent to Hammonds Heath Road:**  
It was agreed to arrange for the contractor to visit the site to obtain a quotation for this work. Cllrs Blagden and Wingfield are also to be in attendance. Once

the quotation is received it will be considered further by the Committee. The area adjacent to Badgers Croft was cut right back last year and it was agreed that this would not need doing this year. Other budgeted routine work for the Hammonds Heath and Windmill Road hedge and ditch is to be carried out now that the birds have finished nesting.

7. **To consider re-starting a Fairground Working Party and if so to draw up a list of possible tasks:**

Cllr Blagden is to contact volunteers in order that the voluntary Fairground working party could be re-started. The first session is to be on Wednesday 17 July 2013 at 11am and weekly thereafter at the same time.

Cllr Blagden is to have a supervisory role and the Clerk asked that a diary for the volunteers is kept and it was agreed that for future reference this would also contain information of when any maintenance work was carried out.

8. **To receive minor matters (for information only):**

- As reported to the full Council on the 9 May 2013 an ex-resident of Mortimer wishes to donate a memorial seat in memory of his late mother. The Clerk is in contact with the resident and different seat options etc are being discussed. Once this has been agreed the Committee can then agree a suitable location.
- Cllr Earl asked for a definition of Commercial and Non Commercial charges for the hire of the Fairground.

Meeting closed at 8:41 pm.