



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Minutes of the Fairground and Cemetery Committee held on Thursday 21st March 2019 at 7.30pm at The Parish Council Office, 27 Victoria Road, Mortimer. RG7 3SH.

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr. N. Kiley (Chairman), Cllr. J. Bull, Cllr. P. Challis, Cllr. S. Hill, Cllr. M. Lock

Officers:

Mrs. L. Hannawin

Public/Press:

There were no members of the public or press present.

Part I

18/82 Public Questions:

None

18/83 To receive any apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from Cllr. M. Dennett, Cllr. K. Johnson

18/84 To receive any declarations of interest and dispensations:

Cllr. J. Bull declared an interest in 18/89

18/85 To receive and approve the minutes for the Fairground and Cemetery Committee meeting held on Tuesday 20th November 2018:

The minutes were received and **APPROVED** to be signed as a true record of the meeting.

18/86 To receive an update on actions taken from previous Fairground and Cemetery Committee meetings:

Each current action was reviewed and updated accordingly.

18/87 To review the Cemetery Guidelines and AGREE amendments accordingly:

The following proposed amendments were discussed:

Guidelines:

- **8. Restrictions on Inscriptions** – “his” to be changed to “their”.

Regulations:

- **5. Flowers** – to be amended to say that “Artificial flowers are allowed”.
- **14. Surplus Soil** – remove “At present this is to be deposited neatly in the ditch at the rear of the boundary of The Cemetery”. Cllr. J. Bull will liaise with the grave excavators and advise where surplus soil should be left

Proposed by Cllr. J. Bull, seconded by Cllr. N. Kiley, the amendments were **AGREED** unanimously.

ACTION: JB, CLERK

18/88 To AGREE the policy on the use of remote controlled petrol cars on the grazing area:

This was discussed and the following were considered:

- the use and purpose of the grazing area.
- the environmental impact, including noise.
- the management and upkeep of the field.
- health and safety.

Proposed by Cllr. N. Kiley, seconded by Cllr. J. Bull, it was **AGREED** that remote controlled petrol cars should not be used on the grazing area, unanimously.

18/89 To receive an update on the playgrounds and Fairground equipment:

- “Crazy Nellie” should be installed before the end of March.
- A specification for the adult fitness equipment needs to be drawn up in order that 3 quotes can be obtained prior to taking this to Full Council.

ACTION: NK, JB

- As suggested by the Youth Forum, quotes will be obtained for additional equipment for the Fairground: sheltered seating; zip wire; litter bins.

ACTION: CLERK

18/90 To receive an update on the repair and restoration work to the:

Fairground Ponds

- Phase 1 is completed for both ponds.
- Phase 2 will be undertaken in the Autumn

Conservation Area and Footpaths

- Work will shortly commence on the maintenance of the heathers. Brush cutters cost £31.00 a day to hire.
- Wood cuttings left in the conservation area will be collected and disposed of.

ACTION: SH

- Advice will be sought regarding the conservation footpath maintenance and if required, a specification will be drawn up and quotes obtained.

ACTION: NK, CLERK

18/91 To receive an update on the Cemetery and extension:

- As the design of the bridge has change, planning permission is required for building regulations and minor amendment purposes.
- Once the bridge is installed, the perimeter fence and hedging work will commence.
- Cemetery grounds maintenance work will be required in the autumn.
- The Village Custodian will be asked to move the snowdrops.
- Consideration should be given to providing a pergola and additional seats in the cemetery.

18/92 To review the Fairground and Cemeteries Committee's budget spend for the year 2108-2019:

- The new picnic benches were funded by s106.
- There has been no charge to date for the assistance received from BBWOT for the pond work.
- A DNA test for Great Crested Newts will be undertaken shortly for both ponds.

18/93 Minor Matters - for information only

Consideration should be given to setting up working groups for both the Fairground and the Cemetery.

18/94 Matters for Communication:

- Update on the pond work
- Crazy Nellie installation

18/95 Future Agenda Items

- Dipping platform and picnic tables
- Fairground and Cemetery working groups
- Adult fitness equipment
- Youth area equipment
- Memorial benches and pergola

18/96 Exclusion of Press and Public

To pass a resolution to exclude members of the press and public from the meeting at Part II, items 18/97 on the Agenda, due to the confidential nature of the information being discussed:

Proposed by Cllr. N. Kiley and seconded by Cllr. J. Bull this motion was **AGREED** unanimously.

Part II

18/97 To RESOLVE to proceed with the tennis court surface repairs:

The quotes and options obtained were considered.

Proposed by Cllr. N. Kiley seconded by Cllr. J. Bull, it was **AGREED** unanimously to proceed with a 5 year maintenance contract for the tennis courts.

Close

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.