



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Minutes of the Fairground and Cemetery Committee held on Tuesday 23rd July 2019 at 7.30pm at The Parish Council Office, 27 Victoria Road, Mortimer. RG7 3SH.

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr. J. Bull (Chairman), Cllr. S. Beard, Cllr. S. Hill, Cllr. K. Johnson, Cllr. D. Morsley.

Officers:

Mrs. L. Hannawin

Public/Press:

There were no members of the public or press present.

Part I

19/01 Public Questions:

None

19/02 To receive any apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from Cllrs. L. Jones and M. Dennett

19/03 To receive any declarations of interest and dispensations:

None

19/04 To receive and approve the minutes for the Fairground and Cemetery Committee meeting held on Thursday 21st March 2019:

The minutes were received and **APPROVED** to be signed as a true record of the meeting with 3 abstentions.

19/05 To receive an update on actions taken from previous Fairground and Cemetery Committee meetings:

The actions from the previous meeting were reviewed and the following was noted:

- The dipping platform is on hold following the confirmation of the presence of Great Crested Newts in the ponds.

- The tennis court has not yet been pressure washed due to the low water pressure.
- The tree survey has been booked for October.

19/06 To AGREE the details of the proposal of the Members' Bid for submitting to the District Councillors:

It was noted:

- The quote from Wicksteed includes 8 pieces of fitness equipment.
- Other possible ideas for a Members Bid i.e. a drinking fountain or grey water collection, would not currently be possible due to the poor water pressure on the Fairground.

Proposed by Cllr. K. Johnson, seconded by Cllr. S. Beard, it was **AGREED** unanimously, to use the details of the Wicksteed quote as the basis for the information required for the Members Bid.

ACTION: SH, LJ, CLERK

19/07 To receive an update on the Fairground and play equipment:

The ROSPA annual inspection has been undertaken. Quotes are being obtained for the work required and two orders have already been placed for repairs needed deemed as high risk. quotes are being obtained.

Some tree work, not authorised by SMPC, has recently been done on the road side of Hammonds Heath. This is likely to be managing branches with regards to cables.

It was **AGREED**:

- The Committee would meet on site late August and then every 3 months to monitor and review work required.
- To look to review Mr. N. Kiley as a co-opted member of the committee at Full Council in September.

ACTION: JB, SB, SH, LJ, DM, KJ, CLERK

19/08 To receive an update on the repair and restoration work to the:

Fairground Ponds

- Most of the required work for Phase 1 has now been undertaken. Phase 2 will be undertaken in the Autumn.
- As per the ground's maintenance specification, the newt corridor remains uncut apart from the area around the small pond.
- Consideration will be given to the ecology report, suggesting the planting of a hedge by the repaired fence which will give cover for the newts

ACTION: JB

Conservation Area and Footpaths

- Various options for repairing the footpaths were discussed. It was noted that, as the footpath is a public footpath, the specification needs to be agreed by West Berkshire Council (WBC).

ACTION: CLERK

As a temporary measure, it was proposed by Cllr, S. Hill, seconded by Cllr, D. Morsley, that gravel will be applied to the area. This was **AGREED** by 3 votes to 2.

ACTION: SH

19/09 To receive an update on the Cemetery and extension:

- Due to size, it may be necessary for the lime trees to be removed. A decision will be taken once the tree survey has been undertaken.
- A quote has been sought for cutting the hedge back by 1/3.
- WBC have been asked to confirm if new planning permission is required as the design of the bridge for the cemetery extension has changed.

ACTION: CLERK

- Sarum Hardwood Structures Ltd will be asked to confirm the lead time and any price change for the new bridge.

ACTION: CLERK

19/10 Minor Matters - for information only

Christmas Tree

- New controllers and Christmas lights are required.
- The Clerk will establish with other Councils who supplies their Christmas trees.

ACTION: CLERK

- Cllrs. Beard, Hill and Johnson will oversee organising the installation of the Christmas trees and lights.

ACTION: SB, KJ, SH

- Cllr. Hill will provide details of a hedge trimmer for the Custodian.

ACTION: SH

19/11 Matters for Communication:

None

19/12 Future Agenda Items

- Enclosed multi sports court

ACTION: SB, CLERK

Close

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for 26/11/2019.