
PRESENT

Mr C Williamson (Chairman), Mr M Appelbe (Vice-Chairman), Mr P Dartnell, Mrs A Hastie, Mr J Hunt, Dr M Robertson, Mr P Jones.

ADDITIONAL CIRCULATION

All other Members,

Mr. G Bland, Mrs. B Palmer, Mr. N Gray, Mr. S Holden,

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1. Adjournment for Public Speaking
 - 1.1 No members of the public were in attendance.

 2. Apologies for absence
 - 2.1 None

 3. Declaration of interests
 - 3.1 None

 4. Approval of Minutes
 - 4.1 Minutes of Meeting held on 22nd February 2016 were unanimously accepted. AH, MR, PD & MA abstained from this vote as they were not able to attend the previous meeting.

 5. Matters Arising
 - 5.1 Grounds Maintenance – The football pitches are still very wet. Our contractor has just started to cut the grass again; however, no work tickets have been received. Assistant Clerk to chase
 - 5.2 Play Equipment Maintenance – Our External Caretaker has mended the broken slide at Heartenoak. He is now keeping reports of the routine inspections of the playgrounds. This is to ensure that we have the correct records to comply with our insurer's requirements. Members felt these forms should be refined so it is easy to understand which reports relate to which playground. Assistant Clerk to check.
 - 5.3 KGV Playing Field – AH said that the key to the right hand garage is now very difficult to use in the lock and had caused the junior football club more than 25 minutes to get the garage open. This delayed their session so this needs to be looked at and resolved. The tree in the field that had been overhanging a resident's garden has now been cut back. The contractor had sent in a quote for another tree near by that he noticed also had dead wood. CW asked Assistant Clerk to contact the Tree Conservation Officer at TWBC to take advice. If he agreed that the work should be carried out then, Members agreed that if the quote is reasonable it should be done.
 - 5.4 Heartenoak Field – None. Rospa work ongoing.
 - 5.5 Fowlers Wood – CW to put the repaired sign up. MHS have offered for the children to do some community work AH asked Members to think about what they could do to help. MR suggested that helping to put in the footpath markers would be a great help benefit the community
 - 5.6 Allotments – A combination lock is to be purchased. CW suggested an online supplier. Assistant Clerk to organise. Members felt that a list of people who would hold the combination plus the Office is required.

5.7 Cemetery – The Clerk previously had sent letters to the families where gardens have been planted on the graves in the cemetery to explain the situation. The date given to remove these has now passed. Members felt a follow up letter should be sent. MR suggested a list of exactly what items should be removed is drawn up. These details could be included in the letter for clarity. CW agreed to arrange a date in the next couple of weeks when a few of the Committee can compile the list.

6. Matters For Further Discussion

6.1 The Clerk had requested that she would like Members to consider a play equipment replacement programme, budgeting for it over the next few years & appoint someone to take this forward as a project. Members agreed in principle this is a good idea but decided to wait until after the local elections before appointing anyone. This item is to be taken to the next meeting for further discussion.

6.2 A request has been received from a local firm to use KGV Field for staff rounders' match and BBQ on July 17th. Members agreed that this would be okay. Assistant Clerk to check if they are going to use gas or an open fire for the BBQ, find out if they would like to use the hall and mention that all rubbish must be cleared away afterwards.

7. Correspondence

None

8. Questions and Comments from Councillors

8.1 MA mentioned the skate park project and the design was discussed. Members felt that a full council mandate would be needed due to the costs that would be involved.

8.2 We have had contact from the people who ran the fun fair last year at The Moor; they haven't yet booked exact dates. Assistant Clerk to chase up.

8.3 CW explained that the Bonfire Society is still looking at the possibility of using the KGV Field for the event this year. Another site visit is to take place to access the amount of room required. JH suggested that we ask the developers of the Highgate Hill site again if it could be held there as no house building has started yet.

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Notes and Information

None

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Ockley Allotments an issue was discussed.

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Closure

The meeting closed at 20.45. The next meeting will be held on 27th June 2016

Signed.....Date.....

Colin Williamson
Chairman Land Committee