
PRESENT

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

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. Election of Offices
 - 4.1 Election of Chairman, Vice Chairman and F&GP Representative
PJ would like it to be noted that the Committee appreciates and acknowledges all the excellent work that has been completed by CW as the Chairman of the Committee over the recent years. CW then announced that he has decided to step down as Chairman of the Committee but will remain on the Land Committee and involved in village events with the Fetes and Bonfires. CW proposed MR as Chairman seconded by MA. A vote was taken. CW abstained. It was unanimously agreed that MR is the new Chairman. CW then said that although he wished to stand down as Chairman he would be happy to stand as Vice Chairman. This was proposed by MR as he felt CW experience would help him in his new role and was seconded by AH. This was unanimously agreed.
PJ expressed that he had enjoyed being the representative for the F & GP Committee and would be happy to stand again. MR proposed PJ for the F & GP Representative seconded by JH. This was unanimously agreed.

 5. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Meeting held on 18th April 2016 were unanimously accepted.

 6. Matters Arising
 - 6.1 Fund Raising -MR thanked AH for all her work on fund raising. He suggested that this should be an extra item that should be discussed at each committee meeting in future. All agreed.
 - 6.2 Grounds Maintenance – Assistant Clerk to get contract out and check when it is to be renewed. A couple of concerns had been raised about the grass cutting at Heartenoak and the cemetery. We have received an apology letter from the contractor saying that they hadn't been cut due to wet weather. Work tickets are being received at the office. It was agreed to keep a check on the work that is being completed.
 - 6.3 Play Equipment– JN explained that she has been looking at the work loads for each of the committees with the Clerk and they had concluded that the Land Committee has more tasks

than the Buildings Committee and car parking would so become another. She suggested moving the play ground equipment to the Buildings Committee to even up the workloads. JH felt that this didn't align very well and should stay with the Land Committee. CW felt it should stay. MA said that the existing knowledge of the playgrounds would be lost if transferred. AH felt she may be able to look at funding options. MR said if that was the feeling he needed someone to volunteer to take on this area which would include planning a rolling repair and replacement programme. AH agreed to take this task on and would book a time in this week with Assistant Clerk to look at previous Rospa report, the maintenance schedule and ideas that could be taken forward. AH mentioned she is meeting with a couple of members from the Buildings Committee to discuss a possible extension to the Sports Hall so could link in with this work very well.

- 6.4 KGV Playing Field – AH said that the junior football clubs have now been offered MHS pitches to play on so would be using the football pitches less so the issue of the drainage, which looked to be very expensive was less important. The Children's club have asked to have an area of the field so they could start a small allotment. Assistant Clerk to check with them exactly what they have in mind and report back to the Committee. PJ asked of behalf of the football club if the Committee would be prepared to pay for a bag of sand or turf for the goal mouths as they have done in previous years. It was agreed that £150.00 would be allocated.
- 6.5 Heartenoak Field – None.
- 6.6 Fowlers Wood – The young person who had been camping in the wood has now moved to in to secure accommodation. Camping equipment to be moved shortly. JH offered to check this has been done.
- 6.7 Allotments – PJ to put the combination lock on the gate and let Members know the number. A list of people who would hold the number plus the Office is required. PJ is the Council representative for the allotments; MR explained that sometimes people do come to him direct because he is often at Ockley as his wife has a plot. PJ said he didn't mind if he sorted out any issues as they arise or if he prefers he can pass on to him. The non-cultivation letters are due; plots will be inspected when the walk around takes place. Letters to be sent afterwards if required. We now have awaiting list of four at Ockley. An email has been received from an allotment holder asking if he can use the shed/lean to on plot 34a, and if so he would be prepared to tidy it up in return. MR has inspected the plot. Members all agreed that this would be acceptable.
- 6.8 Cemetery – The Clerk has sent further 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 is imminent. JH felt we should make every effort to try to speak to the families involved as it is a very sensitive issue. MR agreed and as Chairman would take on this task. He is going to visit the cemetery with the Clerk in the next few days to assess the situation. Members agreed that our burial forms should be amended to include a place for the Funeral Director to confirm that the regulations of our cemetery have been passed on to the families involved.

7. Matters For Further Discussion

- 7.1 Land Committee walk around was booked for Thursday 7th July at 2 pm.
- 7.2 All agreed for the terms of reference S. 7 (i) to be amended so that The Chairman in the case of equality of votes may exercise his casting vote whether or not he gave an original vote.
- 7.3 It was agreed that in future that all new graves should be turfed and our cemetery regulations should be amended. Members felt this should be the responsibility of the grave owner or Funeral Director.
- 7.4 MA said that plans and reports are still required for the skate park project this would cost approximately £2k. He was considering putting forward an application for funding from a Tesco's Community scheme. AH said that in her experience they would probably be looking for a capital item to sponsor probably not for plans and reports. AH said there may be alternative sources for smaller funding items and she would look into these for MA. To move this project further forward Members felt that a full council mandate would be needed due to the overall costs that would be involved.

8. Correspondence
None

9. Questions and Comments from Councillors

9.1 MR explained that The Village Society has donated some tools. JH has some of their other tools and it was agreed that all the tools should be stored safely together.

9.2 JH said that saplings are growing up again in the cemetery, and that he is going to take them out. CW offered to help. JH felt he should be okay with this task

9.3 CW explained that he has been investigating whether it could be possible for a dropped curb to be put in to access the KVG Field to help with the movement of people and vehicles when the fete and bonfire events are held. If an entrance/exit is created then the Millennium Gates that currently are in storage could be used. JN said that concerns over road safety may need to be addressed. After a general discussion, AH suggested that CW should take advice from KCC Highways. It was suggested that we could invite them to visit the site to advise.

9.4 Assistant Clerk explained that the Fun Fair was a success no complaints received. The people running the fair had repaired any damaged grass and provided an excellent event.

Notes and Information

10. None

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11. None

Closure

12. The meeting closed at 19.53. The next meeting will be held on 26th Sept 2016

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

Dr Michael Robertson
Chairman Land Committee