
PRESENT

Dr M Robertson, (Chairman), Mr M Appelbe, Mrs L Edmeads
Mr J Hunt, Mrs J Newman

ADDITIONAL CIRCULATION

All other Members,
Mr. G Bland, Mrs. B Palmer, Mr. S Holden,

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| 1. | <u>Adjournment for Public Speaking</u> |
| 1.1 | None |
| 2. | <u>Apologies for absence</u> |
| 2.1 | Mr P Jones |
| 3. | <u>Declaration of interests</u> |
| 3.1 | MR declared a personal interest as he knows one of the contractors who have provided a quote for the notice board for the cemetery, for when this is discussed later. |
| 4. | <u>Approval of Minutes</u> |
| 4.1 | Minutes of Meeting held on 26th February 2018 were reviewed. These were agreed five in favour and one abstention LE, as LE was not at the previous meeting. |
| 5. | <u>Matters For Further Discussion</u> |
| 5.1 | Playground equipment maintenance and replacement;
a) KGV - Roundabout ordered and awaiting installation. Seesaw has been installed and is popular.
b) Hearten oak -Zip wire repaired contractor felt that the seat may still be too low for current regulations but could not be raised any higher the only solution would be to remove the soil surface below. Our next inspection is imminent so we will take advice from the inspector. There has been an issue with the laminated beam, the contractor had delivered an green oak timber beam on the wrong day and other issues with the number of men required to install it as it is very heavy.MR had been back to the contractors they agreed they have delivered the wrong beam and would remove it but as it will take several men to do this so should be done in next week. The correct laminated beam is now on order and should be installed around the 30th April. |
| 5.2 | Hearten oak Playing Field – MR went through the latest inspection report highlighting any areas that should be addressed these included, slide climber offensive graffiti, which was thought to have been removed but need to check with External Caretaker and it was agreed to monitor this piece of equipment as it is showing its age and would need replacement in due course, swing unit there was an animal burrow that could create a trip hazard, ask caretaker to have a look and missing handles on the outside gym which MR has replaced. |
| 5.3 | KGV Playing Field; MR went through this inspection report highlighting any area that should be addressed these included the roundabout that was tapped off, this has now been removed and an installation of the new one is awaited, single springer the wooden fence is in the fall zone, this is the first time this has ever been highlighted but the issue may have arisen as the fence was repaired fairly recently and perhaps it is now too close to the springer, this needs to be investigated to find a solution. The other double springer can be turned round so it comes of its spring. MR felt External Caretaker may be able to mend, so he will speak to him. Land surfacing is an on going issue with the bark as it seems to spread out and disappear. LE said that she had seen examples of nice rubber type matting at other playgrounds. MR explained that long term plan to remove all the bark surfacing and move towards grass matting. He continued, as members were aware in last year budget the playground equipment was one of the top priorities however in this next year there is still some funds for new equipment. Deputy Clerk confirmed that this figure is £5K. |
| 5.4 | Allotments – At Hensil the landlord who we lease allotments from has been in to the office as |

he is concerned that the fence need repair. Members would like to ask our External Care taker to have a look and see if he can repair if not we would need to consider getting a contractor to look at it.

- 5.5 Cemetery – Notice board for the cemetery regulations. MR has three quotes. He did declare a personal interest at the start of the meeting, as he knows one of the contactors because he is the father of one of his pupil's. MR explained the quotes were; 1) a bespoke wooden board surface but with no doors this would be set into the ground with concrete posts quote £1100.00, (laminated sheets could be pinned to it), 2) a metal powered coated board with doors quote £1180.00 delivered but not installed, and 3) online quote metal notice board quote £460.00 delivered in kit form not installed. These were discussed, wooden board was preferred, and it would need to be installed some members thought doors would be a good idea. It was suggested that it should near the seat by the Lych Gate. JH questioned if a board was needed as the cemetery regulations are given out when plots are purchased. MR explained that he had some difficult conversations with some members of the public last year as they had become upset at a Parish Council meeting when they had been asked to remove items and plants they had placed around some of the graves, following complaints from other members of the public as these are not permitted under the regulations, this had been very distressing for them and their families. MR said he is keen to ensure that this is not repeated. By having the regulations displayed then visitors to the cemetery can easily access them. He continued saying firstly we need to consider do we need a notice board or not? He proposed that we do install a notice board at the cemetery for the regulations. Four in favour and one against. Then the discussion continued around the type of board required. MA proposed that we should go with the wooden option and it should be installed seconded by LE three in favour two abstentions (JH, & MR). MR said he could go back to contractor and ask if he could price doors in or if they could be added after installation, he would email members with details.

Email from resident concerned about the cemetery he felt that the Lych Gate was looking tired and needs repair, and that the area outside and around the gate was untidy and not care for and he requested that the moles should be controlled and some more trees should be planted where the hedge near the road which is thin after this was damaged by an accident a few years back. It was generally felt that the Parish Council does care about the cemetery. The Lych Gate hinge had been repaired, but we could ask our External Caretaker to have a look at it. JH said on his recent visits it looked tidy, and it is not possible to control the moles really but we could consider planting more saplings to improve the hedge. He offered to look at this when he is next down at the cemetery and report back to the committee.

The church has a sign outside on the wall regarding the commonwealth war time graves. It was felt that we should request one for the cemetery as it does have war time graves as well. MA to ask The Church Warden for details as he thinks that he organised the sign.

6. Matters for Further Discussion.

- 6.1 JH explained that the Rotary Club of Hawkhurst would like to give the Parish Council two oak trees for planting. He felt in the extension of the KGV field would be a good place. JN questioned the size as oak trees as they do grow very big. JH felt that there would be sufficient space. He proposed and seconded by MA that these two oak trees should be planted in the extension of KGV field that is owned by the Parish Council along the edge of the area on the left hand side. This was unanimously agreed.

7. Correspondence

None.

Questions and comments from Councillors;

8. MA has had two people have who recently recommended two companies for a skate board park survey. MR said that whilst gathering information is always good, he did not want MA to go to a lot of work as this project is not in the Land Committee's budget for this year.
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- 8.2 Deputy Clerk mentioned that a resident had been in to the office concerned that the trees from the KGV are over hanging the path along by the scout hut. JH volunteered to have a look and report back to the committee.

9. Notes and Information

None

10. Confidential:

None

11. Closure

11.1 The meeting closed at 20.03. The next meeting will be held on 26th June 2018

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

Dr Michael Robertson, Chairman Land Committee