
PRESENT

Dr M Robertson, (Chairman), Mrs A Hastie (Vice – Chairman)
Mr M Appelbe, Mr J Hunt, Mrs J Newman.

ADDITIONAL CIRCULATION

All other Members,
Mr. G Bland, Mrs. B Palmer, Mr. N Gray, 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. M C was absent. |
| 3. | Declaration of interests |
| 3.1 | None |
| 4. | <u>Approval of Minutes</u> |
| 4.1 | Minutes of Meeting held on 22 nd May 2017 were approved. Vote five in favour with one abstention (JN who was not at previous meeting) |
| 5. | <u>Matters For Further Discussion</u> |
| 5.1 | Playground equipment maintenance and replacement; a) RoSpa inspection has taken place and overall was what we had been expecting with no extra surprises or high risk items, although both are classed as medium. Some of the risks identified are already in hand and have been resolved. There are a number of jobs/actions mentioned through out the reports that our External Caretaker can carry out, such as painting, trip zones and minor maintenance. A list is to be drawn up so he can get these underway. The bark surfacing is also mentioned through out the reports. MR explained he and our Duke of Edinburgh volunteer have recently put more down and it still seems to wear then disappear. Deputy Clerk mentioned that whilst the bark does not seem too expensive, but when we are doing it often the costs do escalate so perhaps looking at an alternative could be the way forward. Deputy Clerk to obtain quotes for alternative circle matting. MR then when through the report for each site in detail with members. KGV – Roundabout medium risk due to the high of the roundabout. Welding a skirt to it would remove this issue. Multi- play Climber is coming to the end of its life. AH is costing for a replacement (approximately £15/16k). Rocking Horse okay. Jolly Gerald trip zones. Rocker; see saw spring worn AH has costing for replacement not too expensive. Members felt this should be replaced. Rotary basket/fireman’s pole okay. Slide medium risk due to its height, this item to be discussed in more detail later. Junior Swing bolts and brushes ask External Caretaker to fit and adjust seat heights as the guidelines have altered over time. Heartenoak Field – Gate (the one down the lane) is medium risk, ask External Caretaker to look at and if cannot be repaired may need replacement. New fitness signs on adult gym have been vandalized. MR to contact manufacture for advice as they should be vandal proof. Self closing gate, trip zones/surface holes. Zip wire a cableway company coming to quote in August. Rock Plie medium due to height. Goal post painting to be done by External Caretaker. Lappset Tower has been treated in time will need replacement AH has costings. MR explained that the swing basket could be repaired with metal plating and by obtaining a quote to replace the beam as it is looking a bit tired. He said that the |

- contractor who had installed the new swing had arrived very late and although installed the experience with them had not been very good.
- b) Swings – New swings have now been installed at Heartenoak for older children.
 - c) Repair Schedule - Slide at KGV. MR has had a contractor come out to asses the slide repairs. He has done work in the past for HPC and more recently at Sissinghurst so we could take references. AH to put a note on the face book page for a welder to see if anyone responds.
- 5.2 KGV Playing Field – 4 or 5 youngsters have requested a basket ball net, prices are about £15 x 2.MR proposed that we purchased these this was unanimously agreed. AH hopes to receive quotes for the MUGA in the next 6 weeks. AH would like a formal letter to be sent to Business Fitness Club who uses the field for sports training to remind them that from the 5th Sept the Junior Football clubs will be using the field as the session starts again. Deputy Clerk to write. AH would also like to mention to the children's club that hire the sports hall that they will require to use the kitchen for tea and coffee making facilities from September and that they may want to screen off their belongings.
- 5.3 Allotments – MR explained that a couple of plots have are causing concerns. Letters have been sent and he is hoping to brief MC about these as she is now taking on responsibility for the allotments.
- 5.4 Cemetery - Current fees were reviewed ready for the Clerks forecast and budgeting for next year. To cover cemetery costs a slight increase was agreed. AH proposed and seconded by MR that the new fees should come in to effect at the half year from 1st October 2017. Deputy Clerk to amend fees as agreed. Following the recent KALC auditors visit, The Clerk has advised that we should check the gravestones annually for stability, and if any concerns these should be addressed. JH volunteered to carryout this task when he is next down at the cemetery and report back to the committee.

6. Matters Arising

- 6.1 JH asked what progress has been made with the overgrown hedge on the Rye Road. Deputy Clerk said that this has been raised with KCC and action will be taken again by them in September once the bird nesting season is over.
- 6.2 JH asked members to think about how Fowlers Wood could be used, perhaps a nice picnic or nature area. He suggested ideas could be discussed at the next Land meeting. He thought may be it might be possible organise a working party of volunteers to help with this task.

7. Correspondence

None

8. Questions and Comments from Councillors

None

9. Notes and Information

None

10. Confidential

None

11. Closure

The meeting closed at 20.08. The next meeting will be held on 23rd October 2017.

Signed.....Date.....
 Dr Michael Robertson, Chairman Land Committee

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