

ICKLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

A local council for the peoples of Icklesham, Winchelsea, Winchelsea Beach and Rye Harbour

Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee Meeting held at Winchelsea Court Hall on Monday 27th June at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllrs: I Mann, D Smedley (Chairman), H Sutton and Mrs. A Thomson.

In Attendance: Jenner Sands (Clerk and RFO) and Danielle Heffernan (Assistant Clerk).

1. **To appoint Open Spaces Committee Chairman.**
RESOLVED: Cllr David Smedley was appointed as Chairman.
2. **The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.00 pm.**
3. **To record any apologies for absence.** *Apologies received from Cllr Kitteridge.*
4. **To receive any Declarations of Interest (Personal or Personal & Prejudicial) by Members.** To receive any disclosure by members of personal interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interest and whether the member regards the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Code of Conduct. Members are reminded of the need to repeat the declaration immediately prior to commencement of the item in question. Members should ask the Clerk for a Declaration of Interests form which must be completed and returned to the Clerk at the next convenient occasion. **There were none.**
5. **Comments or questions from members of the public present relating to items on the Agenda.** *No members of the public were present.*
6. **To approve the Minutes of the Open Spaces Meeting of 14th February 2022.**
RESOLVED: The Minutes were approved and signed.
7. **Black Cats.**
To consider possible sites for Black Cat radar devices.
RESOLVED: The following sites were agreed:-

Winchelsea:-

On the streetlight on the corner of St Thomas' Street

On brick bus shelter on German Street (Clerk is to look into erecting pole on the side of the bus shelter)

Winchelsea Beach:-

On the bus shelter opposite the Ship Inn (Clerk is to look into erecting pole on the side of the bus shelter)

Clerk is to ask Cllr Justice re erecting pole for black cat on/ near his fence.

The Clerk is also going to have a look at the Salt Marsh public footpath sign on Sea Road as this is one of our assets.

Icklesham:-

Cllr Thomson is going to speak to a resident about placing a pole in their front garden and also the Robin Hood pub.

Rye Harbour:-

On a cycle lane sign on Harbour Road.

8. Jubilee Trees.

- a) Request from resident to plant tree in Jubilee Field to mark Platinum Jubilee.
RESOLVED: Clerk is to contact the resident to ask him further information (i.e. which type of tree he resident would like to plant). This was agreed to be planted against the fence which separates Jubilee Field and the playground. There should also be a plaque put next to the tree stating that it was planted in recognition of the Queens Platinum Jubilee.
- b) To consider suitable sites for IPC to plant trees to mark Platinum Jubilee.
RESOLVED: There was a general discussion regarding this however no suitable sites were identified.

9. Tree Survey Works

Works recommended within the next 3 months (trees 0204, 0084 & 0818)

- a) New Timber – £930 plus VAT
- b) 1066 Tree Care – £420 plus VAT
- c) Oakden Tree Care – quote available for meeting.

The Assistant Clerk noted that we have worked with New Timber previously and that she used them in her previous role and that they have always done a very good job. She also confirmed that despite asking them, 1066 Tree Care have not yet provided us with their insurance details.

RESOLVED: it was agreed to accept New Timber's quote.

Works recommended withing the next 6 months (trees 0384, 0212, G3, 0828, 0064, 0058, 0805, 0063 & 0397)

- a) New Timber - £3,480 plus VAT
- b) 1066 Tree Care - £1,260 plus VAT
- c) Oakden Tree Care – quote available for meeting.

RESOLVED: it was agreed to take this to Full Council as there are insufficient funds in the budget. The Committee will recommend to Full Council that we accept New Timber's quote.

Works recommended for April 2023 (trees 0056, 0083, 0211,0209, 0825, 0074, 0066, 0822 & 0065)

- a) New Timber - £2,760 plus VAT
- b) 1066 Tree Care - £840 plus VAT
- c) Oakden Tree Care – quote available for meeting.

RESOLVED: it was agreed to take this to Full Council as there are insufficient funds in the budget. The Committee will recommend to Full Council that we accept New Timber's quote.

10. Annual Play Inspection Recommended Works:-

a) Fence surrounding Coronation Field Playground.

Quotes received from:

- i. Wanedale Pest Control - £300
- ii. New Timber - £465 plus VAT

RESOLVED: it was agreed to accept Wandale's quote.

b) Replacement Cradle Swing at Jubilee Playground. Quote received from Wicksteed in the sum of £269.73 plus VAT.

c) Repair of Tunnel in Rye Harbour Playground behind Village Hall. Quote

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received from HAGS in the sum of £523.12 plus VAT.

- d) **Replacement seesaw seat for Jubilee Playground.** Quote received from Wicksteed in the sum of £66.55 plus VAT.
- e) **Replacement cableway seat for Coronation Field.** Quote received from Wicksteed in the sum of £314.95 plus VAT for parts. *Quote for installation available for meeting.*
- f) **Replacement terminis spring for cableway in Icklesham Recreation Ground.** *Quote available for meeting.*

RESOLVED: *it was agreed to refer the play equipment items to Full Council as there are insufficient funds in the budget. Clerk is to recommend these are taken from reserves.*

11. Icklesham Recreation Ground Fence

Consider quote received from:-

- a) **Mark Saunters** - £1,000
- b) **Wanedale Pest Control** - £2,343.48
- c) **New Timber** – £1,600 plus VAT

RESOLVED: *it was agreed to refer this to Full Council as there are insufficient funds in the budget. The Committee will recommend that we accept Mark Saunters' quote in the sum of £1,000. Clerk is to recommend these are taken from reserves.*

12. Proposed Charges for Recreation Grounds.

The following was resolved:

How to charge for games and the cancellation of games

The clubs are to send the Clerk their fixtures at the start of their season. The initial charge will be based on those fixtures. At the end of the season, the club should let the Clerk know which matches had to be cancelled. These matches can then be credited for the following year.

Under 10s and under 16s charges for Cricket and Stool Ball

It was agreed that a sliding scale will be applied to Cricket and Stool Ball matches as it is for football matches.

13. Car Parking on Recreation Grounds.

RESOLVED: *it was agreed that Icklesham Stool Ball club could park on Icklesham Recreation Ground for their tournaments on 3rd July and 7th August provided we do not have any heavy rain beforehand. The Assistant Clerk is to check the ground before hand to check it is okay to drive on. The Clerk is also to ask them for a copy of their insurance schedule together with a risk assessment for the events.*

It was also agreed that in future, Rye Bay FC must park behind the Pavilion if they are to park on the field at all. The Clerk is to ask Rye Bay FC to mark white lines on both sides of the Pavilion to make this clear to car drivers.

- 14. **Replacement Speed Sign for Winchelsea Beach Village Sign.** Quote received from SSP Direct in the sum of £131.98 plus VAT.

RESOLVED: the quote was accepted.

15. To consider quote received from Wanedale Pest Control for cleaning the guttering around Rye Harbour toilets. £75

RESOLVED: The quote was accepted.

16. Date & venue of next Open Spaces Meeting. Monday 26th September 7.15 pm at Winchelsea Court Hall.

Agreed as a true record of the meeting.

Signed

Cllr D Smedley
(Chair)

Dated: 26th September 2022