

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 26th September 7.00 pm

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

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

1. **The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.00 pm.**
2. **To record any apologies for absence.** There were none.
3. **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.**
4. **Comments or questions from members of the public present relating to items on the Agenda.** There were none.
5. **To approve the Minutes of the Open Spaces Meeting of 27th June 2022.**
RESOLVED: the Minutes were approved and signed.
6. **East Sussex Urban Verge Cutting.**
To consider the following options given by East Sussex for 2023:-
 - a) Option 1 – Standard: two cuts over the course of a year to be carried out by ESCC at no cost to the Parish Council. Urban grass will be managed for safety purposes only.
 - b) Option 2 – Extra Cuts: Parish Councils may fund an additional four cuts to be carried out by ESCC (six cuts in total). Total cost of £1,605 for the year
 - c) Option 3 – Self delivery: Parish Councils take on responsibility to deliver all urban grass cutting in their area. This must include a minimum of two cuts over the course of the year. ESCC will not carry out any urban grass cutting in the area. ESCC would pay the Parish Council the sum of £802 to do this.**RESOLVED:** it was agreed to recommend option 2 – 4 additional cuts at a cost of £1605.
7. **Sea Road Bus Shelter.**
To consider quote from Mark Saunters to tidy up vegetation around bus shelter and to stain the front and sides with a dark oak woodstain. **£200**
RESOLVED: the quote was accepted and the Clerk is to ask Mark to trim around the bench at the same time.
8. **Rubbish Bins for Icklesham Playground and Harbour Field Playground.**
To consider the purchase of 2 x 'Topsy 2000' litter bins with aperture flaps at a cost of £269.37 each for Icklesham Playground and Harbour Field Playground.
Assistant Clerk recommends waiting for the new financial year so the expenditure can be included in the budget.
RESOLVED: it was agreed to recommend that the costs of the bins are included in next year's budget. The Clerk is to look into whether or not we could get a deal if we were to purchase multiple bins.

9. Winchelsea Beach bus shelter.

Match funding may be available for the project. Next date for applications to be considered is in April 2023.

Clerk asks for permission to start up discussions with Stagecoach again.

RESOLVED: Clerk is to start initial discussions with Stagecoach and East Sussex Highways.

10. Black Cats.

To discuss positioning and site timetables.

To approve Clerk purchasing 4 extra brackets at a cost of £185.50.

RESOLVED: it was agreed that the current agreed sites are sufficient for now, however more sites may be agreed as we start collecting data. It was noted that one of the black cats is currently in Winchelsea on the High Street collecting data and the other black cat will be put up on Tanyards Lane tomorrow.

It was agreed to recommend the purchase of 4 extra brackets to make installation quicker and easier.

11. Christmas Tree Lights.

To approve the Clerk purchasing new lights for Christmas Trees (approximate costs £50).

RESOLVED: Clerk is to purchase new Christmas tree lights.

12. To consider request from Eastbourne Rambling Club to use Icklesham Recreation Ground Car Park as pick up and drop off point.

Dates: Saturday 19th August 2023 (pick up at 1.00 pm) and Saturday 16th September 2023 (drop off at 10.15 am).

RESOLVED: this was agreed. Clerk agreed to open the barrier if necessary.

13. Proposed Charges for Recreation Grounds.

Clerk to provide verbal update.

Clerk explained that both football clubs have been sent the final user agreement for signature. Clerk has also asked for a copy of their fixtures on numerous occasions and has not yet received this. The Clerk needs to see the fixtures so she can send an invoice to the clubs for the matches they will be playing.

RESOLVED: it was agreed to recommend that the Clerk sends the football clubs an estimated invoice based on their previous usage in the hope this will encourage the clubs to engage with us.

14. Jubilee Field Path Update.

Cllr Smedley confirmed that the path outline is now complete however the company have been inundated with work and will be back to complete the job soon. Cllr Smedley is going to ask the company to put a finer hardcore down on the top as some of the stones that are there at the moment are fairly large.

15. Suggested items for future agendas.

- Dowling Bench on Monks walk
- Tree on the corner of Back Lane

16. Date & venue of next Open Spaces Meeting. Monday 28th November 7.15 pm at Winchelsea Court Hall.

Agreed as a true record of the meeting

Signed:

22th November 2022