

Icklesham Parish Council

Putting Governance in your Hands

Open Spaces Committee Minutes

8th February 2021

Start Time: 19.15

Present: Cllrs Mrs Lyward, Mrs C Merricks, P Turner, D Smedley (Chairman), H Sutton.

Miss C Dyer (Clerk) and were in attendance. 4 members of the public were present.

1. To receive questions or comments from the public on any matter on the agenda.

With regard to the Winchelsea Speed Calming project Mr J Clarke queried whether the Parish Council had gone out to other new potential contractors and if so what the deadline for quotations was. Mr L Rutman noted that there had been overwhelming support from the community for the proposals already submitted and queried what route is now being pursued. He noted that there are a number of traffic calming experts available and that although there was a difficult financial climate at the present time he felt the project should still be pursued. Mr B Leonard voiced concerns from residents that the project had been pushed back. He noted that he did not feel taking a step back would help achieve the project and that he felt the project should be taken forward with the involvement of residents. He also noted that he felt that the project should remain a priority for the Parish Council

2. To receive apologies for absence. *Cllr Tollett gave apologies for personal reasons.*

3. To receive any disclosure of interests. *There were none.*

4. To approve the minutes of the last meeting on 16th December 2020. *The minutes were agreed as accurate.*

5. Harbour Field Pavilion repair works. Clerk to provide verbal update. The Clerk advised that works were part completed and that Rye Bay FC had requested vehicle access to remove waste materials from site. It was noted that previous unauthorised vehicle access had caused potential damage to the grass and to a Council owned padlock the costs of which were being passed on to the FC. *It was agreed that all materials must be removed by hand. It was agreed that a meeting take place between Council and Rye Bay FC with Cllr Smedley and Cllr Turner attending on behalf of the Parish Council. Clerk to arrange.*

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6. **Jubilee Field entrance project.** Update on progress and quotations received from Solicitors to review draft deed of easement. *It was resolved to recommend to full council the acceptance of the lower of the two quotations received.*
7. **Smeatons Lane repairs.** The Clerk requests approval to instruct the Council's small works contractor to undertake remedial works to Smeatons Lane. *It was resolved to proceed with repairs to the whole lane at a cost of £870. Clerk to arrange.*
8. **Smeatons Lane parking.** It was discussed that there had been recent incidents of emergency vehicles being unable to use the lane due to parked cars. *It was resolved to produce a leaflet for distribution to residents of the lane outlining the parking restrictions. Clerk to action.*
9. **Speed calming.** Cllr Smedley advised that the Council were seeking to obtain further quotations for the design stages of the Winchelsea Speed Calming project. He also advised that it had been resolved by Council to apply to extend the draw down period for the PWLB loan. He went on to advise that a full council meeting will be called shortly to discuss further information which had been received and to discuss next steps.

Cllr Smedley advised that the Parish Council would be purchasing a number of mobile speed indication devices and that additionally the Council were hoping to borrow a Black Cat device from a neighbouring Parish Council to undertake surveys to be able to report this information back to the Police.

10. **Rother tree policy and preservation.** *It was resolved to write to Rother District Council for clarification of their tree policy.*
11. **Winchelsea Pavements.** Cllr Smedley advised that he has made contact with the Highways Agency regarding the condition of the pavements in Winchelsea.
12. **Request to use the car park at Rye Harbour for the annual Ragnar Relay event on the weekend of the 18th and 19th September 2021 subject to the usual conditions and payment of a donation.** *This was agreed subject to Government COVID restrictions.*

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- 13. Consideration of charging for the use of recreation grounds by sports clubs following the adoption of the new terms and conditions of use.** *It was resolved to move this item to a future agenda in light of further discussions due to take place with the football clubs.*
- 14. Update on actions.** *There were none.*
- 15. To consider any urgent items.** Clerk raised a query by Cllr Warren as to what the conditions of the Parish insurance policy is in relation to frequency of playground inspections. Clerk to investigate the matter further and report back to full council.
- 16. Date of next meeting** Monday 26th April 2021.

Agreed as a true record of the meeting

Signed: _____

 (Cllr D Smedley, Chairman)

Dated: 14th February 2022