

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 February 2024

Present: Cllrs: C Chappell, I Mann, I McConnochie, A Rixon and D Smedley (Chairman).

In Attendance: Jenner Sands (Clerk & RFO), Danielle Heffernan (Assistant Clerk) and two members of the public were present.

1. The Chairman to open the meeting at 7:15 pm

2. To record any apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Mrs. Thomson.

3. To receive any Declarations of Interest (Personal or Personal & Prejudicial) by Members

There were none.

4. Comments or questions from members of the public present relating to items on the Agenda

A resident from Rye Harbour spoke in relation to item 8. She said that she does not think either pieces of equipment would be suitable for Pound Field. She said that the football goals would not be used as the Council would not be supplying nets for health and safety reasons. She also said that the sports wall should really be installed on astro turf. She said that she lives right next to the field and that the sports wall would create a lot of noise and she can see the Council getting complaints from residents in Oyster Creek and Tram Road.

She said that she thinks the equipment would be better used in the other playground at Coronation Field.

She also asked if the grass could be cut before 1st April as the children break up from school on 28th March for the Easter holidays and the grass is very long already. *At this point the Chair confirmed that the Council do not have complete control over the grass mowing. He said that there are a lot of factors involved for example, the weather and the contractor's schedule.*

5. To approve the Minutes of the Open Spaces Meeting of 27th November 2023.

The Minutes were approved and signed.

6. To discuss possible amendments to Terms of Reference.

RESOLVED: it was agreed to suggest to Full Council that the terms of reference are amended to remove the Winchelsea traffic calming project and to include traffic calming for the whole Parish.

7. To consider erecting Rye Harbour boundary sign on Harbour Road, Rye Harbour.

The Clerk explained that the idea is to install a boundary sign on Harbour Road to show how much of Rye Harbour is included in Icklesham Parish. The sign would be installed near the Kingdom Hall before the first industrial estate. The Clerk explained that Highways have advised that we would use our own contractors however they would need to have public liability insurance of £10,000,000 and would also need Street Works Accreditation. The Clerk has spoken to Care Signs and unfortunately they do not hold this. **RESOLVED:** it was agreed to recommend to Full Council that this sign is not necessary at present.

8. To consider the attached Clerk's report following the Drop in Session in Rye Harbour concerning new play equipment.

There was a general discussion about the number of residents who attended the session to vote. **RESOLVED:** it was agreed to refer the matter to Full Council.

9. To consider the attached Clerk's report following inspection of Harbour Field Pavilion.

The report was noted. **RESOLVED:** Clerk is to request the football club to have the cesspit emptied

and inspected as it is a concern that it has not been done for a number of years.

10. To receive the Updated Public Spaces Protection Order (Dog Control) from Rother District Council.

RESOLVED: The order was noted. Clerk has purchased 'no dogs allowed' signs for Jubilee Field playground as the signs that are currently there aren't very clear.

11. To consider quotes received for cleaning bus shelters.

RESOLVED: The quote received from Under Pressure Cleaning was accepted in the sum of £1,110 for all seven bus shelters, including the work to the roof of the Rye Harbour Shelter.

12. To consider quote received from Under Pressure Cleaning for various items of play equipment.

Four separate quotes were tabled for cleaning the following:-

Harbour Field Playground equipment - £161.00

Harbour Field equipment bases - £100

Harbour Field Basketball Hoop and base - £140

Pound Field Basketball Hoop and base - £63

Pound Field shelter - £120

Icklesham Playground equipment - £103

Icklesham Basketball hoop - £63

Icklesham Shelter - £45

Icklesham Playground pathways and benches - £90

RESOLVED: The quotes were accepted and are to be taken from small works maintenance budget.

13. To consider quote received from Under Pressure Cleaning for cleaning Rye Harbour Village Gateway.

The Clerk confirmed that Under Pressure Cleaning had confirmed this would be done free of charge with the other works in Rye Harbour.

14. Signage on Wickham Rock Lane.

There was a general discussion as to the signage that is currently in place and the best way to deal with this. **RESOLVED:** Clerk is to write to Cllr Glazier and ask him if Highways would consider installing bollards at the top junction of Wickham Rock Lane

15. To consider alternative ways to use data collected from Black Cat Radar Devices.

There was a general discussion regarding the use of the black cats and the analysing of the data.

RESOLVED: Cllr Chappell is going to have a look for some alternative locations for the black cats in Winchelsea and report back to the Clerk.

16. Items for future agendas.

There were no suggested items.

17. Date & venue of next Open Spaces Meeting.

Monday 10th June 7.15 pm at Winchelsea Court Hall.

Agreed as a true record of the meeting.

Signed

Cllr D Smedley (Chair)

Dated: