

# ICKLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

## Draft Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee Meeting held at Winchelsea Court Hall on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024

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

In Attendance: Jenner Sands (Clerk & RFO)

1. **The Chairman to open the meeting at 7:15 pm**
2. **To record any apologies for absence**  
Apologies received from Cllr Mrs. Thomson and Cllr Rixon.
3. **To receive any Declarations of Interest (Personal or Personal & Prejudicial) by Members**  
Cllr McConnochie declared an interest in relation to items 7, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17 and 18.
4. **Comments or questions from members of the public present relating to items on the Agenda**  
There were no public questions.
5. **To approve the Minutes of the Open Spaces Meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024.**  
The Minutes were approved and signed.
6. **To consider the purchase of the following replacement play equipment as recommended in latest play inspection:-**
  - a) **2 x cradle swing seats for Icklesham Recreation Ground from Wicksteed at a cost of £298.38 plus VAT.**  
**RESOLVED:** approved.
  - b) **2 x cradle swing seats for Coronation Field, Rye Harbour from Sutcliffe Play at a cost of £479.60 plus VAT.**  
**RESOLVED:** approved.
  - c) **Replacement tyre for zip wire at Coronation Field, Rye Harbour from Wicksteed at a cost of £786.34 plus VAT (including installation).**  
**RESOLVED:** approved.
  - d) **Replacement wooden seat on rocket at Jubilee Playground, Winchelsea from Wicksteed at a cost of £602.96 plus VAT (including installation)**  
**RESOLVED:** Clerk is to enquire if there is an option for a plastic replacement seat as this is likely to last longer. If there is no plastic option, Clerk is to purchase the wooden replacement seat.
  - e) **Replacement seat for zip wire at Icklesham Recreation Ground from Playdale at a cost of £564.65 plus VAT.**  
Installation costs are an additional £366 plus VAT. Clerk explained that with the zip wires it is always recommended to use the play company to install replacement parts due to insurance implications. **RESOLVED:** the purchase of the seat and additional installation costs were approved.
7. **To consider Ian McConnochie carrying out works for the Parish Council.**  
**RESOLVED:** it was agreed to use Cllr Ian McConnochie for various maintenance jobs. Financial Regulations etc. will be strictly followed to ensure quotes etc. are fairly submitted and considered.

*Cllr McConnochie left the meeting.*

*Cllr McConnochie rejoined the meeting.*

8. To consider quote received from Wicksteed in the sum of £391.30 for the annual play inspection. **RESOLVED:** approved.
9. To consider quotes received for repair to Rye Harbour Toilets window frames. (*Quotes will be tabled at the meeting.*)

Two quotes were tabled from Handy Man Dan and Icklesham Joinery. The quotes were for different levels of work (i.e. Handy Man Dan had quoted to repair the existing windows whereas Icklesham Joinery had quoted to replace the windows). The Clerk has since found another contractor who might be able to quote for the repairs. **RESOLVED:** Clerk is to seek a further quote for repairing the windows.

*Cllr McConnochie left the meeting.*

10. To consider quotes received from for repair to Rye Harbour Playground fence (behind village hall).

The following quotes were tabled:

Ian McConnochie	£350.00
Goodsells Garden Services	£446.00
Handy Man Dan	£1,660.00

**RESOLVED:** the quote from Ian McConnochie was accepted.

11. To consider quotes received for replacing fence between Jubilee Field and football area.

The following quotes were tabled:

Ian McConnochie	£585.00
Goodsells Garden Services	£850.00
Handy Man Dan	£2,690.00

**RESOLVED:** the quote from Ian McConnochie was accepted.

12. To consider quotes for replacing perimeter roadside fence of Harbour Field Playground.

The following quotes were tabled:

Ian McConnochie	£300.00
Goodsells Garden Services	£1,030.00
Handy Man Dan	£5,400.00

**RESOLVED:** the quote from Ian McConnochie was accepted.

*Items 16, 17 and 18 were then brought forward to save Cllr McConnochie rejoining and leaving the meeting again.*

16. To consider quotes received for painting shelter in Icklesham Recreation Ground.

The following quotes were considered:

Ian McConnochie	£150.00 labour costs plus cost of paint
Goodsells Garden Services	£290.00

**RESOLVED:** the quote from Goodsells Garden Services was accepted.

17. To consider quotes received for painting shelter in Pound Field, Rye Harbour.

The following quotes were considered:

Ian McConnochie	£150 labour costs plus cost of paint
Goodsells Garden Services	£280.00

**RESOLVED:** the quote from Goodsells Garden Services was accepted.

18. To consider quotes received for sanding down and painting seesaw in Harbour Field playground.

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The following quotes were considered:

Ian McConnochie	£100 labour costs plus cost of paint
Goodsells Garden Services	£150.00

**RESOLVED:** the quote from Goodsells Garden Services was accepted.

**13. To consider installing a fence along pathway of Jubilee playground.**

The Chair explained that he is aware that people walk through the playground with their dogs. There are signs in place stating no dogs however they aren't particularly clear and we are in the process of getting new signage. The Chair explained that he thinks it would be a good idea to erect a fence along the existing pathway closing off the play area to keep the are separate as it is in other wards.

**RESOLVED:** this was agreed. Clerk is to obtain quotes.

**14. Black Cat Data**

Chair to provide report of latest RALC meeting.

The Chair explained that Sussex Police are inundated with data collected from black cats (both from Icklesham and the other parishes). The Sussex Safer Roads Partnership are in the process of employing more staff to analyse the data however in the meantime there is a triage group which meet monthly to analyse data put forward for triage. He asked Parish Councils to select data which shows the most speeding traffic and put it forward to triage.

The Clerk also raised a post next to the toilets in Winchelsea which could be used to collect black cat data on Monks Walk.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk is to send data to the Sussex Safer Roads Partnership (most likely data from the A259 on Rectory Lane). Clerk is also to apply for a licence for the pole on Monks Walk.

**15. To consider the attached email received from Hedgehogs R Us and to consider purchasing a box of hedgehog highways surrounds at a cost of £150.**

**RESOLVED:** it was agreed that £150 was too much to spend in one go with no guarantee that residents would take these. Clerk is to ensure the poster is in the noticeboards so residents can contact Hedgehogs R Us if they would like a hedgehog gate.

**16. Date and time of next meeting.**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 7.15 pm at Winchelsea Court Hall.