

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 23rd September 2024

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

In Attendance: Danielle Goudl (Assistant Clerk)

- 1. Appointment of Chairman for the Council Year. RESOLVED:** Cllr Smedley was appointed.
- 2. The Chairman Opened the meeting at 7:15 pm.**
- 3. To record any apologies for absence.** Apologies received from Cllr Haden.
- 4. To receive any Declarations of Interest (Personal or Personal & Prejudicial) by Members.** Cllr McConnochie declared a pecuniary interest in item 7.
- 5. Comments or questions from members of the public present relating to items on the Agenda.** A resident from Winchelsea spoke in relation to item 15 of the agenda. He confirmed that the bins often get very full here very quickly and requested a second bin.
- 6. To approve the Minutes of the Open Spaces Meeting of 29th April 2024. RESOLVED:** The Minutes of the meeting were approved and signed.

Cllr McConnochie reconfirmed his interest and left the meeting.

- 7. To consider quotes received for erecting fence at Jubilee Playground. RESOLVED:** The quote from Cllr McConnochie in the sum of £1,600 was accepted however it was agreed that we would budget for this next year.
- 8. To consider quotes received for filling potholes on Smeatons Lane.** The Assistant Clerk explained that we had approached Hailsham Roadways but they have not sent us the quote in time for the meeting. **RESOLVED:** Clerk is to circulate the quote via email once this is received.
- 9. Rye Harbour CCTV.**
To consider quote received to install hardwire cable into internet connection to allow for more stable connection. **RESOLVED:** The quote received from 1066 Fire and Security in the sum of £152 plus VAT was accepted.
- 10. To consider installing anti-bird spikes on top of swings. RESOLVED:** Clerk is to source rubber spikes for health and safety reasons.
- 11. To consider quotes received for repairing surface under Coronation Field Swings and Harbour Field Swings.**
The following quotes were tabled:-

Coronation Field

Star Surfacing	£1,150 + VAT
New Timber	£1,300 + VAT

Harbour Field

Star Surfacing	£1,350 + VAT
New Timber	£1,300 + VAT

RESOLVED: The quotes received from Star Surfacing were accepted on the basis that they are a local company that specialise in surfacing works.

- 12. To consider quote received from Playdale for replacement bolts on Icklesham Zip Wire.**
A quote in the sum of £735.67 + VAT was tabled. Playdale have confirmed that this work is not

urgent, but the installer flagged it to the Clerk when he was installing the replacement zip wire seat. **RESOLVED:** It was agreed to budget for this for next year.

13. To consider quotes for cleaning German Street Bus Shelter Roof.

The following quotes were tabled:

Westoakes	£1,672.13 + VAT
Under Pressure Cleaning	£400

RESOLVED: It was agreed to accept the quote from Under Pressure Cleaning.

14. Rye Harbour Toilets Windows.

To consider whether to replace wooden windows or repair (fill, sand and paint).

Various quotes were tabled for replacement and repair of the windows. **RESOLVED:** The Assistant Clerk is to source two more quotes for replacing the windows with new PVC windows for consideration by Full Council.

15. Bins in Winchelsea

The Chairman confirmed that there were larger bins in this location previously when there was a recycling point there. **RESOLVED:** Clerk is to write to Rother and request the bin is replaced with one with a lid.

16. Memorial Benches.

To consider quotes for maintenance, repair and cleaning of various benches.

Waynedale had quoted £100 per bench for cleaning and minor repairs. 10 benches have been identified and there is £1,000 in the budget for this. **RESOLVED:** This was agreed provided that it includes the repairs.

17. To Consider Application to Install Memorial Bench on Harbour Field, Winchelsea Beach (close to Rye Bay Caravan Park Entrance) RESOLVED: Clerk is to circulate a picture of the location to the Committee for consideration.

18. 2025/26 Ground Maintenance

The current contractor has indicated that, if he was to quote again for the grounds maintenance contract, he would want more flexibility in the amount of cuts and when the cuts need to be carried out to take in to account rainfall and rate of growth. It was noted how well it has gone the past year and how lovely the fields are looking. It was also noted that the smaller local contractors are also doing an excellent job. **RESOLVED:** This would need to be discussed further at the upcoming budget meeting in October.

19. 2025/26 Budget Considerations. RESOLVED: The following items were agreed to put forward at the upcoming budget meeting scheduled for October:-

- Jubilee Field Fence
- Playdale zip wire quote
- Scraping of Smeatons Lane
- Metal gates for Icklesham car park
- Wooden bollards at Harbour Field (£250)
- Water Butt and down pipe for Rye Harbour Car Park
- Icklesham Car Park signage
- Grounds Maintenance Contract.

20. Date and time of next meeting.

Monday 25th November 7.15 pm at Winchelsea Court Hall.

Agreed as a true record of the meeting

Signed

Cllr D Smealey (Chair)

Dated: 25th November 2024