



West Grinstead Parish Council

OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING

Dial Post Village Hall
Wednesday 9th November 2011
at 7.30 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: - Councillors: Mr. R. Hill (Chairman), Mrs. C. Watts (Vice-Chairman), Mr. D. Green, Mr. N. Berry, Mrs H. Bullingham, Mrs O. Izzard, Mr. G. Taylor, Mr. A. Russ, Mr D. Pearless and Mrs G. Nash.
Also Cllr: Mr. P. Kanabus.
One member of the public.
Clerk: Mrs. H. Dayneswood.

General Items

OS_126/11 Apologies: Cllrs: none

OS_127/11 Chairman's Announcements: none

OS_128/11 Minutes:

It was **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr. Taylor, seconded Cllr. Nash) that the Minutes of the meeting held on 12th October 2011 be approved as a true record.

Parish Council Business

OS_129/11 Declarations of Interest – WGPC Business: none

OS_130/11 Matters Arising:

Cllr Izzard and the Clerk offered to attend (subject to dates) the 'Task & Finish Group' being set up by HDC to consider the way in which environmental cleansing grants are distributed to the parishes.

OS_131/11 Correspondence:

- a) Email from local resident highlighting the safety problems at the mini-roundabout on the Partridge Green High Street. Members already had serious concerns about the junction. ***The Clerk to report the matter to WSCC Highways.***
- b) Email from a local resident about salt/grit provision in the Middle Road area. Cllr Watts offered to donate the small grit bin she had acquired, for installation at the end of Middle Road. ***The Clerk to identify a suitable piece of public land and progress the matter.***
- c) HDC: Questionnaire from HDC Working Group who are reviewing Anti-social behaviour in the District. The questionnaire was completed by members during the meeting. ***The Clerk to submit it by 5th December.***
- d) Query from a local resident about walking her horse down a public footpath in order to reach grazing land without going along the B2135. WSCC Public Rights of Way had advised the Clerk that the resident would need to seek explicit private permission from the landowner to be allowed to do this, as public rights prohibited horses being taken on public footpaths. Members had concerns about a horse being walked along a public footpath.

OS_132/11 Purchase of Salt Spreader

It was **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr. Russ, seconded Cllr. Pearless) to approve the purchase of a small salt spreader for use in the centre of Partridge Green. ***To be passed to Finance Committee.***

OS_133/11 Partridge Green Youth Club – Official Agreement with WSCC

It was **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr. Green, seconded Cllr. Taylor) to approve the revised (version 3) Service Level/Partnership Agreement between WSCC and WGPC for Partridge Green Youth Club. Cllr Green signed the document on behalf of the Parish Council. ***The Clerk to return the signed agreement to Mr Carl Burton (WSCC).***

OS_134/11 Dial Post Items

- a) A Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Show people Site Study by Baker Associates on behalf of HDC had recently been made public. There are two sites in Dial Post that have been proposed in the study. A Dial Post resident expressed his astonishment that neither HDC nor Baker Associates had contacted the landowners of the Dial Post

sites in the last three years before including them in their proposals. ***The Clerk to i) check on the consultation process ii) ask Cllr Chowen about whether powers of compulsory purchase would be invoked by HDC.***

- b) A further response from Mr R. Brown (HDC) re: protocol for large scale music events at West Sussex Showground, Dial Post (*circulated*). Members felt there would be no benefit in pursuing the outstanding issues further at this time.

OS_135/11 Finalising Arrangements for the Christmas Lights 2012 Switch-On Event

All items are in progress. Cllr Bullingham is organising the draw for the child to do the switch-on. Cllr Izzard is organising the external Christmas decorations competition. The Clerk asked for help with the serving of drinks in the village hall at the event.

OS_136/11 Other Items to Report (information only): none

Meeting Of King George V Playing Field Trustees

OS_137/11 Declarations of Interest- KGV Business

Cllrs Hill and Russ each declared a personal interest in relation to membership of the Sports & Social Club.

OS_138/11 Matters Arising:

A local resident had raised an issue concerning land ownership boundaries in relation to a dangerous tree that the Parish Council had cut down on the western border of the playing fields. The resident had visited the Parish Office to show the Clerk a map showing the extent of their own boundary. It had been agreed that it would be a good idea for the resident and some councillors to have a site meeting to check the boundaries together.

There was further debate about the issue at the current meeting. It was agreed that ***Cllr Green and the Clerk should write a letter to the resident.***

OS_139/11 Correspondence: none

OS_140/11 Update on Plans to Refurbish the KGV Playground

- a) Mrs Banks had been asked whether the Hopit Trust could provide a donation towards the costs of refurbishing the KGV playground. Unfortunately this is not possible because the purpose of the charity as detailed in its trust document is “the provision and maintenance of a Community Centre for the use of the inhabitants of West Grinstead and the neighbourhood”.
- b) Information from Mrs Newman about other playgrounds installed by SMP: i) Tarring Rec., Tarring ii) Northbrook Park, Worthing iii) Hillbarn Rec., Worthing iv) Dobbins Place, Ifield.

OS_141/11 Progressing the ‘Friends of KGV’ Group: nothing new to report

OS_142/11 KGV Maintenance

- a) Cllr Russ reported that there had been a good response from the KGV sports clubs to sharing the cutting of the KGV grass with the PC in 2012. With the help of Cllr Kanabus and Mr J. Tudhope, a suitable second-hand small gang-mower had been identified from a company called “Ernest Doe”. It was registered new in 2005, had done 1000 hours and could easily go to 3000 hours. It was previously used on a golf course in East Sussex. It was estimated that using the identified machine, it would take 3 hours to cut the KGV grass. For a 25 week season, that would amount to about 75 hours per year. Therefore, it should be able to be used for quite a few years. It was **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr. Watts, seconded Cllr. Bullingham) that, following a satisfactory running test, the mower should be purchased by the Parish Council, up to a ceiling price of £4,250 + VAT. ***Cllr Russ to action.***
- b) No further progress on the drainage works scheduled by WSCC in the area of the KGV pond.
- c) There are two trip hazard areas between the grass and the tarmac on the northern side of the skate ramp. It was agreed that some top soil should be put down to raise the grass level. ***Cllr Watts offered to investigate getting some graded top soil.***

OS_143/11 Update on KGV User Groups, Leases etc.: Nothing new to report.

OS_144/11 Other KGV Business:

Cllr Russ reported that the donated trees for KGV would be planted fairly soon.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Next Open Spaces meeting: **Wed 14th December** 2011, 7.30 p.m., Partridge Green Village Hall.

Signed as a true record.....Date.....