



# West Grinstead Parish Council

## OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING

Partridge Green Village Hall

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2010

at 7.30 p.m.

### MINUTES

**Present:** - Councillors: Mr. A. Childs (Chairman), Mr. R. Hill (Vice Chairman), Mr. D. Green, Mrs. C. Watts, and Mr. A. Russ and Mr P. Kanabus.  
Clerk: Mrs. H. Dayneswood.

**OS\_034/10 Apologies:** Cllrs: Mrs H. Bullingham, Mr. N. Berry, Mr. G. Taylor and Mr. C. Neal.

**OS\_035/10 Declarations of Interest:** none

**OS\_036/10 Chairman's Announcements:** none

**OS\_037/10 Minutes:**

It was **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr. Russ, seconded Cllr. Watts) that the Minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2010 be approved as a true record.

**OS\_038/10 Matters Arising:** none

**OS\_039/10 Correspondence:**

- a) WSCC: replied to the submission of the WGPC objection to addition of footpaths by the river Adur at the parish boundary, by saying 'that the money could be put to better use elsewhere' was not a valid objection. WGPC response needs expanding to explain that the reason is that the footpaths don't go anywhere. *The Clerk to action by 30<sup>th</sup> July.*
- b) Penfold Verral: Estimate received for dredging the pond at Jolesfield. *Cllr Green to draft a letter to the owner of the pond about getting the pond dredged. Copy to be sent to Mr Boxall (WSCC).*
- c) Cowfold Parish Council & Cowfold Medical Group: Information about how their hospital transport scheme is run, plus advice on other community transport schemes available to patients. *The Clerk to request information from the Horsham Area Community Car Scheme and Horsham Dial-a-Ride.*

**OS\_040/10 New Parish Council Notice Board**

A request had been received from a resident, for a Parish Council notice board in the eastern area of Partridge Green. It was agreed that it was a good idea to give this a trial. If however, the notice board was vandalised then it would have to be removed. The Clerk asked for help from councillors in putting notices up in the extra board. It was agreed that a suitable site would be in the stopping area in front of the KGV main gates – just to the right of the pedestrian gate. It may be possible to partially attach the notice board to the wall. Cllr Childs offered a spare wooden notice board that he had acquired. *The Clerk and Cllr Childs to liaise about it. [This item to be transferred to KGV business from here onwards.]*

**OS\_041/10 Dial Post Issues:**

The HDC playground quarterly inspection report flagged up a few minor items in the Dial Post playground. It was agreed to wait for the ROSPA report (due about now) before taking action.

**OS\_042/10 Allotments Update**

Cllr Russ updated members on the progress of preparation of the allotments:

- a) Four grant applications from the Partridge Green Allotments Association had been rejected and this might result in a delay to getting a water supply installed at the site.
- b) The work on the car parking area needs to be done swiftly or otherwise the lottery grant money would be lost.
- c) There were sufficient funds to cover the gates, fencing and rabbit-proof fencing.
- d) There was discussion concerning the funding that would be coming from the Parish Council for the allotments project. There was still £4000 available from the 2009/2010 budget that had never been used. For 2010/2011

there had been £2000 put in the budget. At the Precept meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2009, it had been agreed that if there were need for further funding from the Parish Council for allotments over the year, some money could be allocated from the 'Special Projects' fund in the Cater Allen bank account.

- e) Cllr Russ asked what would be the mechanism for the Partridge Green Allotments Association to make use of the Parish Council allotments funding. ***The Clerk to check on this issue.***
- f) Cllr Russ had just received the Tree Survey Report from Mr Andrew Gale.
- g) There was discussion about the exorbitant costs of providing a water supply for the allotments. Southern Water were quoting £4,100 for a connection to the water main and installing a meter. ***It was suggested that Cllr Russ make sure that Southern Water is aware that the connection is for a community facility and see whether they would be prepared to reduce the charge.***  
***The Clerk to ask Cllr Barnard whether he could suggest a way it could be reduced as well.***

## **MEETING OF KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD TRUSTEES**

### **OS\_043/10 Declarations of Interest:**

Cllrs Russ, Hill and Green all expressed an interest, due to their membership of the Sports & Social Club.

### **OS\_044/10 Matters Arising:**

The Clerk reported that Mr Hedley had not come back with a quote, which was requested some time ago, for clearing of vegetation on the eastern border of the KGV playing fields and the area south of the playground. It was agreed that this should wait until the autumn and also until after any tree surgery had been carried out.

### **OS\_045/10 Correspondence:**

- a) Wicksteed had replied to the request from WGPC request for a minimum height limit for children permitted to use the Storm Multi-Play Cyclone unit in the playground. They had replied as follows:  
*" ... to be sure of excluding the majority (less than 95<sup>th</sup> percentile) of children below the age of 6 would require a height limit of 1.32 metres (4 foot 4 inches). ... This height criterion will however cover children in the mean height (50<sup>th</sup> percentile 1.34 metres) up to the age of 8 as well. I should advise you that the EN1176 European Standard doesn't consider height or age as an appropriate method of filtering access but instead suggests competence as the best means of control. Thus if a child is deemed competent to use/overcome an access method then they can be considered able to use the equipment safely."*

Given this reply from Wicksteed, members felt that the best solution would be to erect a sign which advised adults not to lift children onto the Storm unit. ***The Clerk to draft the words for a sign.***

- b) The Clerk had received advice from HDC and the Environment Agency concerning the drainage arrangements from Dunstan's Farm, via ditches and pipes into the KGV pond:
  - HDC confirmed that the Conditions relating to the foul and surface water drainage (planning application WG/57/01) have been discharged by the Local Planning Authority.
  - The Environment Agency confirmed that the owner of the treatment tank at Dunstan's Farm holds a consent to discharge into his ditch. The Environment Agency has no control of where the discharge goes after that. Anyone downstream has to accept the flow, unless the owner of the treatment plant is not compliant with the discharge limits.

### **OS\_046/10 KGV Maintenance:**

- a) The updated quotes for pond works from RPS and N. Seal had not been received yet.
- b) Status of the KGV playground fencing. Cllr Watts reported that there were a few holes in the fence on the gate side but does not warrant mending as yet. The situation to be monitored.
- c) HDC playground quarterly inspection report flagged up a few minor items in the KGV playground. It was agreed to wait for the ROSPA report (due about now) before taking action. ***The Clerk to chase up the report if not received by the end of July.***
- d) Quotes for re-plying the riding surfaces of the skateramp to keep it in service for another 2 years:  
**3BRamps**  
i) re-plying - £2860 + VAT ii) painting non-riding surfaces green - £620 + VAT.  
**Fearless Ramps**  
i) re-plying £2450 + VAT ii) remove small ramp & make good, & replace all handrail barriers (not very sturdy)- £1550 + VAT.

It was agreed to wait for the ROSPA report (due about now) before making a decision. *To Clerk to put on the next Open Spaces agenda.*

- e) Cllr Bullingham had sent a note asking whether there was a possibility of a second bench in the play area. This would be possible, given that i) a suitable location could be identified ii) a suitable bench could be found. If anyone has a spare bench, please contact the Clerk.
- f) Discussion about an extra bench in item e above, led onto discussion about siting a picnic bench just outside the playground under the tree. *Cllr Childs offered to check whether one could be provided by a local company.*

**OS\_047/10 Partridge Green Fete 2010:**

Cllr Bullingham had sent a note to say that all was progressing well: the band had been arranged, the dog show looks like it will be well attended, the Morris Dancers and Clowns have been organised. Raffle Tickets will be available for sale at the next Parish Council meeting!

The meeting closed at 9 p.m.

Next Open Spaces meeting: **Wed 11<sup>th</sup> August** 2010, 7.30 p.m., Partridge Green Village Hall.

Signed as a true copy.....Date.....