

FOUR MARKS PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Open Space Committee
Held on Wednesday 6th May 2020 commencing at 6.30pm
This meeting was held via Zoom video conferencing**

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Cllr Anne Tomlinson (Chair), Cllrs Neil Bonter, John Davis and Janet Foster
IN ATTENDANCE:	Sarah Goudie (Executive Officer - EO) No members of the public Jo Tsigarides (AEO)
APOLOGIES:	None

20.28 OS OPEN SESSION

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting, and briefed attendees on how the meeting would proceed.

There were no issues to raise under the open session and the formal meeting commenced at 6.35pm.

Standing Orders were applied

20.29 OS APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

20.30 OS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

20.31 OS COMMITTEE MINUTES

It was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Open Space Committee Meeting, previously circulated, held on Wednesday 4th March 2020 following proposal by Cllr Foster, seconded by Cllr Davis, and agreed by all Councillors as a true reflection of the meeting and would be signed by the Chairman at the next meeting in person.

20.32 OS ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

20.32.1 CCTV

Over the last few months, both cameras football pitch side have been vandalised, although these were the less advanced models, the EO raised whether upgrading the provision in this area of the Recreation Ground should be considered. All Councillors agreed that until such time as the dug outs were removed and the potential for further vandalism diminished it would not be a prudent expenditure. However, the original proposal of a pole with several cameras, using the supply from the meter cupboard, was given further consideration although options of feed back to the main system would need further investigation. Cllr Bonter agreed to go back to the original proposals and put a cost together for discussion at a future meeting.

Following the recent incident at Oak Green, the EO also raised whether this would be an appropriate reason to review upgrading the existing CCTV equipment. All Councillors agreed that there were very few incidences at this location to warrant the upgrade and Cllr Bonter raised the use of bodycams, which had proved quite successful

for Streetwatch. It was agreed that Cllr Bonter should prepare a report on potentially purchasing some equipment for Parish Councillors, to be discussed at the next meeting.

20.32.2 Dolphin Rocker replacement equipment

Cllr Foster had advised during recent inspections, that the dolphin ‘springer’ was now in need of replacement. Following a detailed discussion, it was agreed that an upgrade would be more appropriate rather than direct replacement, and several options were presented. The EO also presented a couple of alternative items aimed specifically at toddlers. Both were well received, and it was agreed to purchase, using Developers Contributions both an upgraded 4 place springer and a train or fire engine themed play equipment. The EO agreed to put a proposal together for agreement at the next meeting.

20.32.3 Footpath 13

The owners of the land where Footpath 13 crosses at Headmore Stud have applied for a diversion of the footpath, stating the following reasons:

- To make it more convenient for the public. Original the footpath ran over open pasture land but in the last 30 years the land use has changed significantly, so it has gradually been divided into small enclosures.
- The existing footpath runs through the main home gates, which due to insurance criteria have to be locked overnight. The contours of the land at the end of footpath 13 make it impossible to install a stile, so has always been accessed by a gate.

The proposed diversion would be permanently fenced along the footpath side with the option of installing kissing gates at each end for ease of access. The current route means kissing gates cannot be installed for safety reasons, which is why there are stiles.

The Committee agreed that the diversion would be more user friendly, there were no safety issues with entrance onto the lane and therefore, following clarification that the new route had been correctly assessed, it was RESOLVED to support the proposal. The option to install kissing gates would be revisited once the diversion of the footpath had been formally approved by Rights of Way.

20.32.4 Four Marks 10k

The Four Marks 10k was due to be held on 5th July, as it has become apparent that the current restrictions would not be lifted sufficiently for the event to go ahead, it was agreed the event should be cancelled.

It was agreed that rescheduling this year would not be appropriate, so the suggestion of holding a VE day themed virtual ‘race’ with both 10k, 5k and a walking route option was well received. This would be set up and run through Active Training World, and agreed that participants would be given the month of June to submit their ‘run’, with any profit from entry fees donated to Help for Heroes, which was the chosen charity for the cancelled VE day celebration. Each participant would receive a VE day medal.

It was RESOLVED to move forward with the virtual event as detailed. The AEO will liaise with Active Training World and Alton Runners to make the appropriate arrangements and advise those affected of the cancellation of the 10k.

20.33 OS AREA UPDATE

Location	Action required	Status	Notes
A31/Telegraph Lane	- Proposal for new bench and notice board, wild-flower planting	Pending	
Allotments	No current issues		
Badger Close	- Ash trees to be felled - Replacement fencing	Pending Pending	

	- Ash Tree, Wildlife corridor to be inspected Spring	Pending	
Cemetery	- Memorial inspections action report; remedial work now completed, follow up inspection due June 2020 - Spoil area to be relocated, temporary area behind bin; Spring/Summer - Bench to be replaced, grant received, order bench and arrange installation - Plum tree now removed, replanting to be carried out in due course;	Pending Pending Pending	To be carried out April/May To be carried out April/May Tree to be planted May for VE 75 memorial, species to be determined upon suitability and availability
Kingswood Copse	- Ash Tree inspection to be carried out and action plan put in place - Footpaths to be checked;	Pending Pending	
Lymington Bottom Green	No current issues		
Oak Green	- Replacement CCTV - Christmas lights; dates for installation - Action plan for drain cleaning (Spring) - Bollard to be fixed	Agenda item Agenda item Pending Pending	For discussion For clarification Owner to be traced, contractor to fix post back into ground
Recreation Ground	- Land between Skate Park and Pavilion; - CCTV ; - Public Spaces Protection Order; awaiting outcome of consultation, and introduction of dogs on leads, - Vandalism/anti-social behaviour; dug outs to be removed, awaiting improvement in ground conditions, benches to be ordered and installed - Cricket pitch; first work now carried out, awaiting second treatment - Scout bin; to be removed by EHDC due to misuse, now being emptied, removal still awaited - wildflower/wildlife 'corridor' now marked along children's play area fence, primroses will be relocated underneath new trees in due course - Replacement of Dolphin Rocker	On hold Agenda item Pending Pending Agenda item Pending Pending Agenda item	For discussion Awaiting outcome For discussion For discussion
Station Gardens	- trees planted, no further issues reported		
Swelling Hill Pond	- Shoring works next project - Land Registry boundary issue, response chased, land registry application to be prepared and land surveyor appointed to draw up boundary proposal - Awaiting bench installation - All remedial/removal work to trees now completed	On hold Awaiting action Pending	
Footpaths	- Footpath 2, works carried out but additional surfacing required, now pending	Pending	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Footpath maps/routes to be compiled for website/boards around village - Purchase of kissing gate for FP27 to be progressed, and to include replacement of stile on other side of FP27 - tree blocking FP27 pond side, see above. - Re-routing of Footpath 13 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing Now removed</p> <p>Agenda item</p>	<p>JT to liaise with HCC RoW and apply for grants to progress this</p> <p>For discussion</p>
Benians Pavilion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Drain; soakaway, now defunct, future action to address. - Roof; awaiting refurbishment, - Tennis court floodlights, lights to be replaced with LEDs, awaiting quotation - alarm checks 	<p>On hold</p> <p>On hold</p> <p>Action pending</p> <p>On hold</p>	
Climate Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Water refill station, installation proposals 	<p>On hold</p>	
Open Spaces – General	<p>PARISH TREES Follow up inspection to be carried out early Spring. Tree planting scheme; proposal document to be formalised</p> <p>GRASS CUTTING & MAINTENANCE First cuts now carried out Goal mouths awaiting re-seeding Cricket square added to mowing list</p> <p>BUS SHELTERS Communication received from HCC, confirming ownership</p>	<p>Agenda item</p>	<p>For clarification</p>

20.33.1 Matters arising form report.

There were no updates to the report as circulated, although confirmed that the new trees had been planted at the Recreation Ground, with thanks to Cllr Foster for watering them during the recent dry spell. Most projects were currently on hold. The EO was asked to chase the work on removal of the dug outs, and installation of the benches and new dog waste bin.

20.33.2 Oak Green Light installation

The EO confirmed that she has agreed a 'switch on' date of 1st December, with no changes to the display. The tree would be in situ the week prior to allow time for the dressing and installation of wall and bus shelter light displays. The EO would source the tree direct from the growers as previously.

20.33.3 Cricket Square

As it is now clear that it will not be possible to play any cricket at Four Marks this season, the EO confirmed her recent discussion with the groundsman, who had indicated that it may be prudent to strip and scarify the square and fertilise before the end of the Summer and close it off completely. This work has already been quoted for and approved but would just be brought forward, and once completed the area would be completely fenced off for the winter period. The open space contractor has been asked to mow to keep grass down until the work takes place.

30.33.4 Bus Shelters

The EO reported on a recent survey conducted by HCC with reference to bus shelter ownership. HCC have confirmed that the 5 bus stops with unknown ownership within the parish would be now passed to the Parish Council for future responsibility as the Parish Council had already been carrying out regular cleaning and

maintenance. However, the EO had requested written confirmation that, should HCC have to relocate any of the bus shelters due to road maintenance or change in layout, that HCC would be responsible for their removal and repair of any damage caused.

Cllr Davis advised that the west bound bus shelter near Lapwing Way was regularly covered with litter and suggested that a bin is installed at this location. The EO confirmed that she would contact EHDC to see if they could install a bin in this location.

20.34 OS DATE OF NEXT MEETING
Wednesday 3rd June 2020

20.35 OS The Chairman closed the Meeting at 7.20pm