

Ide Hill Amenities Committee
Minutes of a meeting held at Ide Hill Village Hall
on Monday 15 January 2024 at 5.00pm

Present: Cllrs Evans, De, Bono, Fribbens (Chair) and Miller
In attendance: 10 members of the public, Mrs A Barlow (Clerk)
Apologies: Cllr Miller, Cllr Allgood

1. To receive apologies and reasons for absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Miller and Allgood.

2. To explain the new membership of the Ide Hill Amenities Committee

Cllr Fribbens advised that following the resignation of Russell Maybury, Cllrs Allgood and De Bono had been co-opted to the Committee.

3. To receive declarations of personal, prejudicial and disclosable pecuniary interests on items on the agenda and updates to members' register of interests.

None.

4. **A Public Open Session.** Members of the public will be welcome to address the Parish Council with any local concerns they have related to Ide Hill amenities. Please note this item will be limited in time at the discretion of the Chairman. The Chairman will advise on public participation at meetings as prescribed in the Standing Orders.

- Mr Rossi asked if volunteers had signed the volunteer form then they were insured to carry out work on behalf of the Council as long as the work was detailed in the management plan. Members agreed that the
- Ide Hill Recreation Ground – the playground
- Highways
- Ide Hill Green- kerbing
- Cherry Tree – the Parish Council do not own the land.

5. To consider, and approve if appropriate, which agenda items are sufficiently confidential as to warrant exclusion of members of the press and public under the provisions of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

None.

6. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2024 and matters arising not covered under Agenda Items.

Members resolved to agree the minutes of the meeting on 15 January 2024.

7. Stubbs Wood

7.1 Aztech Contract

7.1.1 An update on the current situation at Stubbs Wood

Adam Ashworth of Aztech advised that he will complete extracting the timber from the ride widening project as soon as the weather allows.

The Clerk advised that Tim Saunders has advised that the system for applying for the Rural Payments Agency grants has changed and he is looking at the new paperwork and will advise as soon as it is confirmed.

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Richard Don asked about the new robust dead hedge will be formed along the boundary of the wood with Gracious Lane east of the Yorks Hill car park where gaps exist. There are several such gaps close to the road, which is very dangerous for dog walkers and there is ample brash on the other (southern) side of the ride to accommodate this. **Members confirmed that they would ask Aztech to do this. Members confirmed that the wooden steps would be replaced.**

7.2 Application for a new CSA from 2025

7.2.1 To agree to appoint Silva Woodland Management to quote for the work

Members resolved at Full Council to appoint Silva Woodland Management to do the plan.

7.2.2 To appoint a working group to prepare a simplification revision to the Management Plan

Members noted that a new working group will be set up to fulfil the requirements of the Management Plan. Members agreed to ask Tim Saunders at the information evening about the management plan and CSA.

Members confirmed that the next stage of the plan is remove the invasive species.

7.3 Tree Survey

7.3.1 To agree next actions

Members agreed that John Evans and the Volunteer Group would deal with any trees identified that he could and then the Parish Council would get a quote to deal with any other trees. All trees identified were not critical just advisory.

7.4 Stubbs Wood Account at 31 March 2024

The Clerk advised that year end was on 31 March 2024 and the accounts will be done shortly.

8. Ide Hill Public Conveniences

The Clerk advised that there have been further problems with the toilets as they are continually blocking.

The Clerk confirmed that the entrance to the toilets had been raised to £1.00.

The Clerk advised that the toilets are continually blocked and solutions are being looked at to stop the toilets blocking.

9. Clarke Telecom

9.1 To note receipt of the pre-application of Clarke Telecom

Cllr Evans advised that the Full Council had agreed to the proposals providing that it gives increased coverage.

10. Playgrounds

10.1 Goathurst Common Playground Project

Cllr Fribbens advised that the Playground Project has raised £16,000. Members congratulated them on the funds raised.

11. Highways

11.1 Update from Kent Highways

Members advised that the Clerk will write to the Highways Steward

12. Date of next meetings