

Ide Hill Amenities Committee
Minutes of a meeting held at Ide Hill Village Hall
on Monday 7 April 2025 at 6.30pm

Present: Cllrs Evans, Fribbens (Chair), Manley and Maybury
In attendance: 8 members of the public, Mrs A Barlow (Clerk)
Apologies: Cllrs Allgood and De Bono

1. To receive apologies and reasons for absence.

No apologies were received. The Sundridge Members were not required to attend as the meeting was quorate.

Cllr Fribbens advised that David Miller has resigned as a Member of Sundridge with Ide Hill Parish Council (Ide Hill Member).

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

None.

3. **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.

- A resident asked about the possible of sale of land at Stubbs Wood. Cllr Fribbens advised that the Members will discuss this at the meeting and the decision will be made by the Full Council.
- Stubbs Wood - residents commented that Stubbs Wood still looks like the "Somme". Cllr Fribbens advised that there is work still to be carried out by the contractor.
- Richard Don asked about the brash and if this is going to be removed as well as the woods.
- **Members resolved that Clerk should ask Aztech to carry out the work as soon as possible.**
- Residents advised that someone is camping on the Stubbs Wood site.
- A resident commented that some of the access points are open so it could make it easier for people to fly tip. **Members agreed to check that that barriers are also fixed and locked.**
- Footpath to the steps at Hanging Bank. Signs from KCC to note where the footpaths are located and the volunteers offered to go out and put out some of the signs.

4. 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.

5. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2025 and matters arising not covered under Agenda Items.

Members resolved to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2025.

6. Stubbs Wood

6.1 Aztech Contract

Members agreed that the Clerk will return to Aztech and confirm the work should now be completed.

The Clerk confirmed that she has asked the Aztech for a price for respraying.

6.2 Management Plan

Cllr Manley advised that Tim Saunders did not want to continue. Cllr Fribbens and Manley are meeting with 2 possible people who can possibly do the work to prepare the management plan.

6.3 Invasive species grant

The Clerk advised that she had looked into the grant and maybe the new advisor could look into applying for the grant.

6.4 Stubbs Wood Volunteers

Members resolved that the Clerk should sign the Authority to allow the volunteers to work under the insurance policy and it was duly signed at the meeting.

6.5 Tree Survey

Cllr Manley advised that she and Cllr Evans had carried out a tree survey and details are at Appendix A. Cllr Manley has asked for quotes for those trees that are too big to be dealt with by a contractor. **The Parish Council has been advised that a tree survey is not required annually and Members resolved that the tree survey should be done at least once every three years unless a situation arises that necessitates**

6.6 Stubbs Wood Account at 31 March 2025

Members noted that accounts as at 31 March 2025 (Appendix B).

6.7 Potential sale of land in Stubbs Wood

Cllr Fribbens advised that Members cannot make a decision at this meeting.

Members noted that letter from the SWAG.

Members agreed that due to complex of the covenants on the land and the decision should be made by the Full Council.

However, the applicant for purchasing the land advised that they would withdraw their request and would formally confirm in writing to the Clerk.

Website

If there is a new website for Stubbs Wood it should be linked to the Parish Council website.

7. Ide Hill Public Conveniences

7.1 Opening times

Members agreed to review the usage of the public conveniences and then look at applying for a grant from the Ide Hill Community Shop.

8. Ide Hill Recreation and Green

8.1 Ide Hill Recreation Ground

The fence around the playground has been replaced. There are some missing plaques and Cllr Evans offered to repair them.

The Clerk advised that she is awaiting costings for the Wayleave Agreement.

It was agreed to get some signs advising residents that they could not “fly tip” garden waste on the recreation ground.

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9. Goathurst Common

9.1 Goathurst Common Playground Project

Members discussed their concerns over the delayed grant payment from Sevenoaks District Council. It was agreed that the first invoice from Tara Dalton should be settled.

10. Streetlighting in Ide Hill

The Clerk advised that Cllr Sharron Manley is now involved in the streetlighting for Ide Hill. The Clerk has reported column 61 is broken.

11. Highways

The Clerk is still awaiting response for a meeting date from Kent Highways.

12. Membership of Sundridge with Ide Hill Parish Council, Ide Hill ward

The Clerk advised that she has informed Sevenoaks District Council that David Miller has resigned and they will issue a Notice of Vacancy.

13. Spring Event for Ide Hill

Members discussed various options and agreed on a Spring Walk through Stubbs Wood followed by a VE Day themed tea in Ide Hill Village Hall.

Saturday 3 May 2025 – 2pm Walk, Tea from 3pm to 5pm.

14. Date of next meeting

To be agreed.

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Appendix A – Tree Survey

Table 1

Number	Tree	Problem	Tag	E or W	Action	Who	Urgency	Costed
1	Sweet Chestnut	Splayed Hung over Ride		W in woods on footpath	Fell Hung Branch	John Evans	need to check still	
2	Silver Birch		91	W in woods on footpath	Fell	John Evans	need to check still	
3	Goat Willow	Lifted root plate	92	W in woods on footpath	Fell	John Evans	need to check still	
4	Goat Willow	Dead	93	W in woods on footpath	Fell	John Evans	need to check still	
5	Sweet Chestnut	Over Hanging Footpath	Orange Paint	W	Fell	Surgeon	Urgent	
7	Sweet Chestnut Mature	Ivy Infestation/ damaged lower branch	83	W	Cut Ivy at base leaving 40cm gap	Volunteers For Ivy/ surgeon	Surgeon Urgent	*
21	Sweet Chestnut	3 over hanging road branches 2 split, urgent!!!		W	Remove split and damaged Branches	Surgeon	Urgent	*
8	Ash	Die Back	82	E	Fell	Surgeon	Urgent	*
23	Beech Tree	Over Hanging Road		E	Remove Branch	Surgeon	Non	*
40	Oak	Low large branch hanging over road		E	Remove Branch	Surgeon	Non	*
50	All Over hanging and Dead	Dead Over Hang		YORKS HILL	Fell	John Evans & Volunteers	Non	
60	Hanging Bank Needs survey and a walk up check with John E						Urgent	

Appendix B

Sundridge with Ide Hill Parish Council

Stubbs Wood

	Receipts	Ring Fenced	Payments	Payments against ring fenced income
2019/20				
Other Income	200		11,438	11,420
2020/21				
RPA Grant	3,720	3,720	910	910
Other Income				
2021/22				
RPA Grant	3,720	3,720	4,864	4,864
Other Income	1,575			
2022/23				
RPA Grant	3,720	3,720	2,436	1,439
Other Income	1,326			
2023/2024				
RPA Grant	3,720	3,720	10,252	10,069
Other Income	600			
	18,581.40	14,880.00	29,900	28,702
EA Grant		15,000.00		
Total Ring Fenced Income		29,880.00		
Ring fenced income		29,880.00		
less payments		-28,702.00		
Ring fenced income c/f to 2024/25		1,178.00		

Stubbs Wood Budget @ 31 March 2025

	Receipts	Ring Fenced	Payments	Payments against ring fenced
Carried f/wd from 2023/24		1,178.00		
2024/245				
RPA Grant	4,724		5,399	5,399
Other Income	200			
	4,924	1,178.00	5,399	5,399
Ring fenced income		4,724.00		
c/f ring fenced income		1,178.00		
less ring fenced payments		-5,399.00		
Ring fenced income c/f to 25/26		503.00		