

Sundridge with Ide Hill Parish Council
Minutes of Amenities Committee Meeting
Thursday 15 September 2016, 7:00pm, Village Hall, Ide Hill

Present: Councillors Denbigh, Edmonds, Hughes,

In attendance: 3 members of the public
Mrs A Barlow - Clerk

Apologies: Apologies were received from Councillor Stokes, Medlan, Evans and Jolley. Apologies were accepted.

It was resolved that in Cllr. Evans' absence Cllr. Denbigh would Chair the meeting.

Declarations of interest: There were none.

1. **Minutes of the Meeting, 14 July 2016**

The minutes were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

2. **Matters arising from the Minutes**

- a) *Matting: - gets flipped didn't matting needs to be replaced. JE suggested tree bark. There was discussion about how to proceed with this matter. It was resolved that Andy would get a quote for resurfacing the playground. It was also agreed to look at the resurfacing.*
- b) *Public conveniences – the Clerk advised that the transfer of the land has not yet been completed due to the Land Registry expiring but it will be done in the next week.*
- c) *The Defibrillator sign is now up on the fence at the pub in Sundridge.*
- d) *Cllr Edmonds has the sign for the one in Ide Hill and it will be put up shortly.*
- e) *Cllr. Hughes advised that he has advised KCC of the footpath session.*

3. **Public Open Session.**

- *Cllr. Denbigh advised the Public that this is the first session since the last meeting and we can now start thinking about the next steps.*
- *The Clerk advised that Charity status has been applied for and the Clerk will respond to the advice given by the Charity Commission. It was agreed that the Clerk would complete the application with the additional information required. (Action: Clerk).*
- *Cllr. Denbigh advised that the next step is formalising the structure and advised that this would be discussed at the next full council meeting on Monday 19 September. MD explained to the members of the public that they have members that want to be involved with the management group. The Parish Council can then look at what they want to do the money and other plans for Stubbs Group.*
- *Cllr. Edmonds advised that he has all the keys to the gates etc. at Stubbs Wood.*
- *A member of the public asked how the Council would fund cutting the trees down etc. Cllr. Edmonds explained that they might be able to use a company that would take the wood in exchange for cutting the trees down. There were other ventures such as Forrest Schools that could provide funding to "run" the woods.*
- *A member of the public explained that he has been trying to find out what the new covenants are on Stubbs Wood now the transfer is complete. **It was resolved that the Clerk would provide a copy of the Deeds. (Action: Clerk).***
- *Cllrs advised that if there were any issues at Stubbs Wood the Clerk should be contacted and she would then contact the appropriate person*
- *A member of the public asked how are the Council thinking about advertising the public consultation.*

- A member of the public asked about Forrest Schools and has that gone any further but Cllr. Denbigh confirmed this will be discussed at the Full Council meeting. In response to questions MD confirmed that this would be discussed by the management committee.
- A member of the public asked if Natural England will be involved at some stage in the future with Stubbs Wood and the Councillors agreed that this would be the case.
- A member of the public stated that it was KCC's responsibility to deal with the resurfacing of the footpaths and felt it was important to have this done.
- In response to a member of public the Cllrs felt that a lot of woodland changed after the storm and many of the plants may not be there anywhere as the type of growing conditions have changed.
- A member of the public advised that she would write an article including some information about the historic plants at Subbs Wood.

4. Grass Cutting

The Cllrs discussed the grass cutting and the issue over the tendering process and how best to set up the tender. The Cllrs discussed the issue over what should be included in the tender and whether it should be sent to one large company or several companies. The Cllrs felt that one large company should be instructed to do the grass cutting so there was accountability and the contract would be easier to manage and monitor. **It was resolved to recommend to the Full Council meeting that the tender for grass cutting for next year should include all the grass cutting in one tender and ideally for one large company to undertake all the work.**

5. Sundridge Village Hall Insurance

It was agreed that this issue should be discussed at the Finance Committee. **(Action: Clerk to put on Agenda).**

6. Darent Project

It was noted that there has been no further update on the project.

7. Dog Bins.

The Clerk advised that she had received asking for a dog bin at the top of Church Lane, in Sundridge. Cllr Hughes went to discuss the issue with the Parochial Church Council (who were meeting next door to the Committee) and they agreed that a dog bin should be sited there as dog waste bags were left around the churchyard. **It was resolved that the Clerk should contact SDC and advise them to put another dog waste bins at the top of Church Lane and put on Full Council Agenda. (Action: Clerk)**

8. Urgent Business.

The Clerk advised that Tesco's have written to her advising that the bid had been successful and the Parish Council will be one of three organisations to be awarded funding. This item will be put on Full Council meeting. **(Action: Clerk to put on Full Council Agenda).**

9. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 12 October 2016 at Sundridge Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.