



MINUTES OF MEETING OF AMENITIES COMMITTEE
30 September 2024
10:00, Woolton Hill Church Hall

Chairman: Cllr Rand (Chair)
Present: Cllr Hurst, Cllr Roots, Cllr Blakeway, Cllr Cooper
Clerk: Amy White

1. Welcome and apologies

None.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. To Agree Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 August 2024 were agreed and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Rand.

4. To update on actions from previous meeting:

Action: Clerk to confirm dates for the six free hours with the Lengthsman to be used for the repair of the fence surrounding the trim trail in Heath End. **Actioned:** Repair completed in September.

Action: Cllr Hurst will contact the maintenance organiser at EWHV regarding potential work required at Heath End rec. **Actioned:** Amenities Committee now has a recommendation to use for future projects/maintenance.

Action: Clerk to highlight any maintenance identified by the BDBC play inspector to Dick Randall Services to hopefully complete at the same time as the S106 play area improvements. **Actioned:** See item 6.

Action: Clerk to ask Scofell to put wider and lower protective cages around all of the trees to prevent potential future damage of trees in the parish field. **Actioned:** Cllr Roots has new suggestion- see item 7.

Action: Cllr Roots to speak to Penwood Nurseries about hedging options for parish field.

Action: Clerk to ask Lengthsman whether they can spray the weeds off the parish field path. **Actioned:** There should be some hours left of our free six ones and it will be done during a dry spell.

Action: Clerk will set up an Instagram account for EWPC **Actioned.**

Action: Cllr Rand to write a piece for Spectrum (deadline 06 September). **Actioned.**

5. Footpaths

Cllr Blakeway has had confirmation of the approved grant of £15000 from HCC for the Trade St boardwalk.

The committee was concerned about the anticipated length of time for the project completion (20 weeks) due to it being a very popular walking route. The committee will create a boardwalk working group, led by Cllr Blakeway, for the duration of the project. Cllr Blakeway will coordinate members, which will include Cllr Rand from Amenities. Concern was expressed on the replacement of the wooden slats with more wood (albeit with recycled material struts). The committee would like to see the rationale behind replacing like with like.

Action: Cllr Blakeway to work with to Corinne (Hampshire Ranger), ideally meeting with members of the Working Group, to clarify questions including materials, the length of time anticipated for completion, how finance overspend and contingency would be handled, whether EW labour support would be of help and the possibility of an information board at the entrance to the boardwalk off Trade St.

Financing: It was agreed to take the budgeting decision to the Finance Committee.

Bramble clearing: This area of the boardwalk is a SINC. The clearing of bramble is now such a big job that it requires more equipment and expertise to clear.

Action: Cllr Blakeway will contact Hampshire and IoW to get some advice.

Action: Clerk to pursue the tenancy information of the boardwalk area (<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/county-farms/become-a-tenant/farms-land/woolton-hill>) with Beth Rutterford to get a clearer picture of the HCC intention for this area.

CAPDP Application Project Delivery Agreement- a new kissing gate will be placed on the footpath at Heath End. £100 was agreed as a funding match from EWPC. EWPC will receive the funds for the cost of the gate from HCC (less £100) and the Clerk will purchase the gate, to be delivered to the landowner, for installation by the Hampshire Ranger.

6. Recreation Grounds update

Cllr Rand has met with JB Groundworks at the field to discuss the path material. Piping underneath the path to move the water that pools by the side of the path was discussed but at the moment there is no idea of cost involved. Cllr Rand will keep in touch with JB Groundworks.

7. Parish Field

Biodiversity: Cllr Roots has written to Penwood Nurseries for the three replacement trees required. Cllr Roots is attending a Hampshire Pollinators meeting to ask about hedging and will report back.

Cllr Roots has contacted Penwood Nurseries for the replacement trees. When there is a date for collection the Clerk will liaise with Scofell for planting.

Seed triangle experiment areas- Cllr Rand has collected some yellow rattle seeds. Cllr Rand will trim the two areas.

Action: Clerk to purchase seeds for sowing in late October.

Cllr Roots has sent a photo of wooden triangle supports as an alternative to mesh tree supports. This will be kept as an idea for next year, if and when the mesh supports need changing.

Tree Survey Report: The tree survey report from Naturally Trees has been received. Committee discussed the remedial work required and future steps.

Action: Clerk will ask a tree surgeon to come and quote for the work identified by the tree report in the parish field. Cllrs Rand and Roots will attend.

8. Spectrum

Cllr Rand will write an update piece on the meeting to be held on 30 September 7:30 EWWH with Cllr Paul Harvey (BDBC council leader).

9. General Maintenance

The council will go through a re-tendering process for 2025/26 using lesson learned during the existing contract process

10. ASB on EWPC property

None to report.

11. Items to take to next meeting

Finance update (Q2). Updated proposal for boardwalk.

Next meeting 10:00 Monday 21st October 2024

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