



Aylesham Parish Council

Minutes of the Recreational & Facilities Committee Meeting
Tuesday 10th November 2020 13:00pm
Meeting held Via Zoom, due to coronavirus (COVID-19)

SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

1. Those Present

L.Prescott (Chair); I.Thomas; V.Thomas; B.Oliver; K.Razzell (Clerk); N.Purcell (Acting Assistant Clerk)

2. Apologies

None received, L.Prescott having internet trouble so will join ASAP.
S. Macallum – absent.

3. Declaration of Interest

None

4. Minutes of Previous meeting and matters arising

October 2020

V.Thomas proposed the minutes are true and correct. B.Oliver seconded. All in favour. NO matters arising from previous minutes.

5. Public representation (notified to clerk in advance of the meeting)

None

6. Spinney Woods

6.1 I.Thomas expressed concerns that with this item being discussed at the full APC meetings, it could potentially compromise the decisions made by the rec committee. Will raise at the next APC meeting.

6.2 Clerk has liaised with the White Cliffs Countryside Partnership. Aylesham Parish Council entered a new lease in 2011 but funding dried up meaning the partnership dissolved. Moving forward the White Cliffs Countryside Partnership would be delighted to get involved and support Aylesham Parish Council in maintaining the woodland. They offer a wide range of services including community work, wildlife eco services, management plans, ranger days, maintenance of any dangerous trees. A Budget for this needs to be agreed at the finance meeting. An example contribution being £5,000p/a. This would cover 2 ranger days a month, and emergencies dealt with inclusive. Next step: to have a socially distant on-site meeting to discuss a plan, and take to full APC meeting Thursday V. Thomas proposed to proceed. B. Oliver seconded. All in favour, motion carried.

6.3 Clerk is still awaiting response from KCC to confirm if they are responsible for the 1m edges on a highway.

6.4 Fly tipping on pull in point in Spinney Lane, Clerk has reported this to DDC.

7. Flower Boxes

No update as Fifth Trust have gone into lockdown. Happy to wait, money will be reserved for this.

8. Market Square.

8.1 Awaiting planning permission for the new gate, no other update.

8.2 Picnic benches - Ovenden All Works are able to install the concrete bases and the benches will come ready constructed.

8.3 Committee to meet up with Fineview Landscapes as the railings are being delivered next week to discuss installation.

8.4 Flags have been delivered. Need to confirm who has access to the flag poles. Rec committee to put the flags up.

8.5 Pit Wheel update: Ovenden Allworks Ltd: To lift out the ground, deliver to APS who will restore for free, then return and place it back into the ground £5416 plus VAT. To jet wash it and hammerite Ovenden Allworks have quoted £1500 plus VAT. There is a risk of damage upon removal which must be considered. The committee still need to obtain 3 quotes. Moving forward I. Thomas proposed that we do not proceed at this stage and hand over to Clerks to project manage for next year. V. Thomas seconded. All in favour, motion passed.

9. Play and recreational Grounds

9.1 Skate park update: Clerk has ordered signage to reiterate the skate park's closure. Terms of reference are to be refreshed to ensure the appropriate committees deal with such matters.

9.2 Clerk has been in contact with Dover District Council regarding CCTV management of the Skate Park. If there is an incident Clerk has a have a direct contact to report too, who will then review the recordings. Dover District Council assured clerk that it is being monitored all the time and the committee will receive monthly reports. I. Thomas expressed concerns over the effectiveness of the CCTV monitoring

9.3 Abandoned unmarked shopping trolley still present in the skate park. Clerk to seek a waste removal company to remove it. I. Thomas proposes Dover District Council fly tippers are to remove. B. Oliver seconded. All in favour, motion passed.

9.4 Cripps Close Park: no update

9.5 Snowdown Park: There may have been an unauthorised firework display in the field, which needs to be investigated. There are currently three padlocks on the gate to access the area. I. Thomas proposed that Clerk to contact Southern Water who have palced a padlock, as they are trespassing by preventing access. Clerk has contacted the Coal Board as they are the landlord.

10. Next meeting and Items for the Agenda

Next meeting Jan 12th 2021 at 13:00pm

11. AOB

11.1 B. Oliver: The new park had children playing in, even though still closed with fencing around it. The park will be passed to Dover District Council in next couple of weeks.

11.2 I. Thomas has received road safety banners which can be in use from Monday 16th November.

11.3 Road sign fallen on grass at the roundabout at the bottom of Spinney Lane, Clerk to report. Signage at the end of Dorman Avenue South is damaged.

11.4 Car park behind the Co-Op has very bad road surface. Clerk has contacted the Co-Op to ask if there is any proposal moving forward, and is awaiting a response.

11.5 The committee would like to look into options to have the wooden bollards extended along Dorman Avenue North.

11.6 Motorbikes are using a footpath in Winder Place to access a carpark behind. Information shared with developers. Police aware.

Meeting closed 14:37