

WESTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING OF

14th December 2015
held at The Amenity Hall, Stone Cross School

208 Present

Cllrs G Garner, J Blaker, K Stevens, R Perrin, G Parsons, P Marshall and F Durling.

209 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A Lovell.

201 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Parks and Open Spaces Committee Meeting held on 9th November 2015 were read, confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman of this meeting.

202 Clerk's Report on Matters' Arising from the previous meeting

The Clerk updated those present about the Parish Council's offer to Wealden District Council to take over the land at the side of the Village Hall. The Clerk said the offer was raised at the October Meeting of Wealden's Council Asset Management Group and as a result enquiries are now being made to see if any other parties are interested in the land. The results of this enquiry will be reported back to the January Meeting of the Council Asset Management Group.

203 Disclosures of Interests

There were no disclosures of interest in any items on the agenda. There were no changes to the Register of Interests.

204 Footpath Review

Councillor Marshall circulated maps of the footpaths in the Parish. Councillors agreed to consider dividing the number of footpaths between Councillors in the spring. Each councillor would then walk the footpaths and report any maintenance issues to the Clerk for action by either ESCC, the Community Payback Team or the Fire Brigade's volunteers.

It was also noted that a stile is broken near Friday Street Farm, Councillor Durling will send the details to the Clerk for action by the County Council.

It was also noted that the area in Gallows Lane at the entrance to Oaklands has now been cut and cleared.

205 Adult Play Equipment

Councillor Garner met Playdale who submitted a price to fit bonded rubber mulch under the adult play equipment in Adur Park.

Councillors agreed this was expensive and decided to recommend that the Clerk gets a price to put a sub base in, instead. Councillor Garner will email the specification to the Clerk.

206 Other Updates

Councillor Parsons said a lot of people in Westham are extremely annoyed that various archaeological works are required before the Parish Council can plant a memorial tree on Cannon Corner.

After much discussion Councillors agreed to recommend to Full Council that a replacement tree is planted by the pond instead. The Clerk will notify the County Archaeologist. Councillors Parsons and Garner will identify a suitable position for the tree.

207 Questions from Members of this Committee.

Councillor Marshall asked Councillors to consider fitting clasps on the grit bins to stop them being used as rubbish bins. He has inspected all the grit bins recently and reported they are full.

Councillor Durling reported that Westham Conservation Group is working with Stone Cross Mill Trust to produce an information leaflet about the history of Peelings Lane.

There being no further business, this meeting closed at 8.10pm.