

NUTHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Open Spaces & General Maintenance Committee meeting, held on 27th February 2020, commencing 7.30pm at Mannings Heath Village Hall, Mannings Heath

Present: Cllr J Mercer (Chairman) Cllr O Hydes (OBE)
Cllr N Bryant (Vice Chairman) Cllr D Livingstone

The Clerk to the Parish Council, Sarah Hall, and 5 members of the public also attended the meeting.

OS053-19/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It was **RESOLVED** that apologies for absence from Cllr D Cotton and Cllr J Chaytor be **APPROVED**, Cllr R Carmichael was absent.

OS054-19/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest, as defined under the Localism Act 2011 and the Parish Councils Code of Conduct, were made.

OS055-19/20 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS – none.

OS056-19/209 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the [Minutes of the Open Spaces & General Maintenance Committee](#) meeting held on 29th January 2020 be confirmed as a true correct record and be signed by the Chairman of the Open Spaces & General Maintenance Committee.

OS057-19/20 PUBLIC SESSION

A resident from Woodlands Walk advised that a number of residents had looked at the committee's draft questionnaire and made some amendments to the format, they had also removed Copsale Hall because it is leased.

The resident stressed that they supported the greening of the Parish and wished to see Woodlands Walk remain a wild meadow. He suggested new seats might look into residents' back gardens.

Cllr Jay Mercer advised that the ownership of the green spaces in the parish varied, belonging to WSCC, HDC and some being privately owned.

Another member of the public gave his view that the number of people using the field had increased considerably over the last 10 years and was now well used. He continued, people are now far more conscious about the importance of rural green areas and playing their part in trying not to change the environment.

OS058-19/20 PARISH PLAN

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that there was no update on the Parish Plan. As a result of comments there will be a few minor changes.

OS059-19/20 FUTURE PROJECTS

- i-ii) **Facilities for older children & updating the children's play area**
It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that the committee will continue to work on a questionnaire. The contents of the residents' draft questionnaire were noted.
- iii) **Updating the village green byelaws**
It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** Cllr J Mercer and the Clerk will prepare a draft for consideration by the committee.
- iv) **Monks Gate pond**
It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that a Management Company has been set up but has not as yet been transferred to the residents of Coolhurst Close.
- v) **Maintaining and promoting the [open spaces in the Parish](#)**
It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that the committee will continue to work on the questionnaire. The details of all the Open Spaces in the Parish and other possible opportunities (play areas in public house gardens) follow;
 - a. Green space between Church Road and Lime Kiln Road
 - b. Green space at junction of Winterpit Lane, Church Road
 - c. Green space on Golding Lane between Pound Lane and Gagglewood
 - d. Green space on Gagglewood between Oak Way and The Birches
 - e. Field managed by Horsham District Council behind Woodlands Walk
 - f. The pond and surrounding area bordering Nuthurst Road, Monks Gate
 - g. Green space, junction of Copsale Road and Nuthurst Road, Maplehurst
- vi) **Tree Planting in the Parish**
It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that Cllr J Chaytor would provide an update on the Tree Council Grant at the next committee meeting.

OS060-19/20 MANNINGS HEATH VILLAGE GREEN

- i) **[RoSPA Report & Remedial Action](#)**
It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that further information on equipment for the children's play area is being sought from a range of suppliers and that Horsham fencing have attended the site. The Clerk is waiting for the quotation to replace the gate post, install a rubber buffer and post for the by-law sign (located near Greens Lane)
- ii) **Children's Play Area Spring Clean**
It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that Cllr J Mercer, Cllr O Hydes and the Clerk volunteered to give the children's play area a spring clean. The date will be arranged at the next OS&GM Committee.
- iii) **Tree Survey**
It was **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** to the Full Parish Council for Gale Consultancy to be engaged to carry out a tree survey of all the Parish Council maintained trees.

OS061-19/20 GENERAL MAINTENANCE OF PARISH ASSETS

- i) **[Annual Asset Assessment](#)**
It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that a section of the Nuthurst bus shelter floor needs replacing. The Clerk to request quotations to replace the floor. The cost needs to be balanced against the use of the bus shelter (frequency of buses) and risk.
- ii) **Other maintenance issues**
It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that there were no other maintenance issues in the Parish requiring immediate attention.

- iii) **Reduced WSCC Grass Cutting Schedule 2020/21**
It was **RESOLVED** for the Clerk to **REQUEST** quotations for additional urban grass cuts in the parish.
- iv) **Recruitment of volunteers to assist with maintenance in the parish**
It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that the details will be included in a future edition of the Link magazine.
- v) **Nuthurst Society Village Clean Up**
It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** Cllr J Mercer will try and attend the Nuthurst Society's village clean up.

OS062-19/20 MINOR MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS TO BE REFERRED TO ON THE NEXT AGENDA

It was **NOTED** that the Councillors did not request for any items to be included on the next agenda.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

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Chairman of the Open Spaces & General
Maintenance Committee

26th March 2020
Date