

Report Item 120-20/21 Nuthurst Parish Council 2nd September 2020

Mannings Heath Village Green – Actions from the Open Spaces & General Maintenance Committee Meeting 15th July 2020

To; Councillors

From; Clerk

Recommendation - to action the recommendations from the Open Spaces & General Maintenance Committee Meeting 15th July 2020

OS008-19/20 MANNINGS HEATH VILLAGE GRREN

- i) It was **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** to the members of the Parish Council, via email consultation, for the play area to re-open as soon as the signs detailing the `government guidance` have been manufactured.
- ii) It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the contents of the [RoSPA Report](#) and the [Remedial Actions](#) from the report. Cllr N Bryant will continue to monitor the children's play area, providing a monthly written report.
- iii) It was **RESOLVED** for Cllr J Mercer and Cllr D Livingstone to prepare a **DRAFT RESPONSE** to Horsham District Councils Open Space, Sports and Recreation Study Review. If the Clerk is contacted by the management consultants Knight, Kavanagh & Page (KKP) a virtual meeting will be requested.
- iv) It was **RESOLVED** to **REQUEST** the following information from the Parish Community Group before the Parish Council considers issuing a licence;
 - Exact location of the picnic benches
 - How the picnic benches will be secured (vandal proof)
 - Material of the picnic benches
- v) It was **RESOLVED** to **REQUEST** the following information from the WI before the Parish Council considers issuing a licence;
 - Exact location of the centenary memorial bench
 - How the centenary memorial bench will be secured (vandal proof)
 - Material of the centenary memorial bench
- vi) It was **RESOLVED** to **CONTINUE** referring to Mannings Heath village green as the `village green`. It was registered as the village green in the 1960's.
- vii) It was **RESOLVED** to **REVIEW** the opening times when the bylaws are updated and the age restrictions when the play area is upgraded.
- viii) It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that the Cricket Club will resume playing cricket on the village green from Sunday 12th July 2020.

OS009-19/20 LICENCE FOR A BENCH IN MAPLEHURST

It was **RESOLVED** to **REQUEST** for the WSCC Highways [licence](#) to be issued in the Nuthurst Societies name. If this is not possible the Nuthurst Society will be asked to sign a Parish Council licence, undertaking to maintain the bench.

OS010-19/20 PARISH PLAN

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that the timings will need to be revised and the updated [Parish Plan](#) will be included on September's agenda. Cllr J Mercer and Cllr D Livingstone volunteered to update matters relating to the Open Spaces in the parish.

OS011-19/20 GENERAL MAINTENANCE OF PARISH ASSETS

- i) It was **RESOLVED** to **ACTION** the issues raised in the [Annual Asset Assessment](#). The Millennium Group, MOGRA and the Nuthurst Society will be asked if they could possibly clean some of the assets when they carry out the 'clean up', i.e.; bus shelters, signs (not located on the A281).
- ii) It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that there were no other maintenance issues.
- iii) It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that WSCC provide five urban cuts per annum. [WSCC grass cutting schedule](#).
- iii) It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that the recruitment of volunteers, to assist with maintenance in the parish, will commence when the COVID 19 restrictions have been totally lifted.

OS012-19/20 FUTURE PROJECTS – to discuss future projects

- i) [Facilities for older children](#)
It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that Cllr J Mercer, Cllr D Livingstone and Cllr D Harber will lead the project and report back with their recommendations. The Clerk will chase HDC for a reply to previous correspondence.
- ii) [Updating the children's play area](#)
It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that Cllr J Mercer, Cllr D Livingstone and Cllr D Harber will lead the project and report back with their recommendations. The Clerk will pass on Mr D Cotton's notes on updating the play area to Cllr D Livingstone.
- iii) [Updating the village green byelaws](#)
Cllr J Mercer and the Clerk will arrange a Zoom meeting to discuss before the next committee meeting.
- iv) [Monks Gate pond](#)
Cllr D Harber, observing the committee and invited to speak, confirmed that the pond had now been handed over to a management company by Dentons, the developers, which is responsible for its maintenance and upkeep.
- v) [Maintaining and promoting the open spaces in the Parish](#) – no update
- vi) [Tree Planting in the Parish \(Memorial Tree Grant\)](#)
Whilst a suitable location for a memorial tree in Monks Gate is found a Silent Silhouette has been erected off Nuthurst Road. A ceremony will follow at a later date.
Cllr J Chaytor advised that the Tree Council required a large area to plant trees to make the grant application viable.