



AMBERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Assets & Amenities committee meeting starting at 10.30am on 12th February 2024 at Hurst Cottages playground

PRESENT: Parish Councillors; – Jason Charman, Hazel Allinson, Ian Corcoran and Vicky Spiers (the clerk).

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies noted and accepted from Paul Mustow.

2. To receive declarations of interest from items on the agenda

None.

3. To undertake a playground inspection of Hurst Cottages playground as per the RoSPA checklist and discuss findings and future recommendations

The following was agreed:

- Jason and Ian to edge around the concrete rim of the multiplay (April)
- Jason and Ian to remove the moss on the wet pour surrounding the multiplay (April)
- Clerk to arrange for handyman to cover the concrete rim with wet pour
- Clerk to order anti-slip strips for multiplay
- Jason to fit the anti-slip strips to the multiplay
- Western boundary to be cleared (by digging up the weeds and stumps) and then grass seeded (April/May)
- Clerk to look at the cost of a day's hire for a rotavator

It was also agreed that the timber agility trail needed to be removed as the timber continues to split and is slippery when wet. The RoSPA inspector advised in June 2023 that the agility trail was coming to the end of its use. The clerk has details of the contractors that HDC use to remove playground equipment and will contact them for a quote.

The committee discussed what new equipment could replace the agility trail, swings and exercise equipment was discussed. The clerk has been instructed to contact some providers to ask for site visits and quotes. Funding will also need to be looked into.

The bench in the playground is rotting and needs to be replaced, the committee agreed to install a new recycled picnic table.

Signed..... Dated 14th March 2024

4.To review the request of a PC funded dog poop bin in Houghton Bridge

The committee noted that this was only reviewed in November and was not voted in by the council.

The clerk advised that HDC will not install a litter bin on a public footpath as it must be positioned to service an HDC owned open space or an open space managed by a parish Council, the location along FP 3502 in Houghton Bridge runs through private land.

The cost to APC would be circa £350 for the installation then circa £650 a year for this to be privately emptied. The committee thought this was too expensive.

Jason and Ian will remove the dog poop bag dispenser from Houghton Bridge in March and then install this on the metal pole by Hurst Cottages bus shelter.

5. To review the filling of the dog poop bag dispense

The clerk volunteered to check monthly whilst she is in Amberley undertaking the playground inspections, clerk to obtain box of bags and key from Jason prior to the March playground inspections.

6. To discuss the improvement to access at Ham Piece

It was agreed to review this in the Spring as the area was still too wet. The tenant has laid some replacement planks for access.

7.To review a location for the new post fitted litter bin in the football field

The clerk advised that she would scope out a suitable post in the football field and order the litter bin for handyman to fit in March.

8.To discuss new Noticeboards/Information boards for the Parish

It has already been agreed by council that a new information board will be installed in the car park, Jason provided the clerk with a brochure for this, clerk to source village map and obtain quote.

New noticeboard for Swan Meadows (to go by salt bin) there is currently £200 in the earmarked reserves for this. Clerk to obtain quote for a single and a double noticeboard and bring to committee.

9.To discuss position of 'dog fouling' signs for football field

Agreed, by the main gate (and new litter bin) and by the storage container. Clerk already has the signs, agreed that handyman would install when he does the litter bin.

10.To review the A & A Task list

Reviewed and updated, included as Appendix A.

Hazel also mentioned a new bus shelter in Crossgates, this is on the list of proposals for the expenditure of the PC's CIL fund, the clerk to investigate if WS Highways or planning permission is required.

Meeting closed at 12pm.

Vicky Spiers - Clerk to Amberley Parish Council

13th February 2024

Signed..... Dated 14th March 2024