

## RINGMER PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF GREENS COMMITTEE

Held on Thursday 1 February 2007 at Ringmer Village Hall

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. A R Peters (in the chair); A J Grindley; Mrs V Humphrey; J Kay; Ms P Lewis; R B Truman and R Wilcox.

There were two members of the public present.

**1. APOLOGIES**

**ACTION**

1.1 There were no apologies.

**2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

2.1 Given the sad death of Cllr. Bean the Chairman suggested that the Committee might wish to consider electing another Chairman to cover the intervening period until the June meeting. Cllr. Grindley pointed out that as the matter was not on the agenda a separate meeting would be necessary and that he had only been informed by the Clerk that Cllr. Peters would be chairing this meeting. The Clerk confirmed the procedure that should be followed.

2.2 Following discussion it was agreed to call another meeting of the Committee immediately after the Council meeting on 8 February to elect a new chairman.

**3. ACTION POINT LIST**

06/03/04 **Provision of bench on the Green:** the Clerk reported on steps he had taken to help move the matter on.

06/11/11 **Skate ramp repair:** the Clerk reported that the missing panel had been found and Mr Giles had made a repair. It had not been necessary to make an insurance claim. It was agreed to discharge this action.

06/11/12 **Village Pond:** this was the subject of a separate agenda item and later discussion.

06/11/13 **Path on the Village Green:** this was the subject of a separate agenda item and later discussion.

06/11/14 **Fair – policing:** the Clerk reported that the police had agreed to provide the cover requested. It was agreed to discharge this action.

#### **4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS**

- 4.1 The Chairman suspended Standing Orders and invited comments from the members of the public present.
- 4.2 Mrs Skeef updated the Committee on the progress with Neighbourhood Watch and plans to further promote it in the area.
- 4.3 The Chairman thanked Mrs Skeef for her comments and Standing Orders were reconvened.

#### **5. PLAY AREAS & EQUIPMENT**

##### **Contractors for Broyle Close, The Green and Fingerpost Field**

- 5.1 It was reported that all the chosen contractors had indicated their acceptance of the various works. As yet commencement dates had not been agreed but the understanding was that no work would start until ground conditions were suitable.

##### **The Green – possible installation of a seesaw**

- 5.2 It was agreed to place this matter on the agenda for the Committee's June meeting. **Clerk**

#### **6. VILLAGE GREEN**

##### **Environmental improvements to the village pond**

- 6.1 The Committee considered an improvement plan from Mayfly Aquacare for the pond and quotations for work on the pond and the surrounding trees.
- 6.2 **It agreed to recommend to Council acceptance of the quotation of £925 for grading the banks and two treatments of the water and that additional work be commissioned from Mayfly for some extra planting and debris removal up to a cost of £200.**
- 6.3 **It was further agreed to recommend that no further quotations be sought given the specialist nature of the work.**
- 6.4 **On the subject of the tree works it was agreed to proceed with these and the Committee considered the quotation of £990 from Mayfly. It was agreed to recommend to Council that an upper limit of £990 be set for the work but that an additional quotation be sought and the lower of the two accepted.** **Clerk**

### **Improvement/replacement of path**

- 6.5 The Clerk reported that he was awaiting information from Lewes District Council and that if this was not available he would seek other advice to prepare a specification and seek quotations. **Clerk**

### **Tree planting and implications for grass cutting**

- 6.6 The Clerk reported that he had determined the clearance needed by the contractor's gang mowers. He had passed the information to Mr Fuller who would reposition the new trees, where appropriate, to provide the necessary clearance.

### **Possible replacement of litter bin near Parish Pump**

- 6.7 The Clerk reported that this bin had been vandalised a number of times and was in a very dilapidated state. Following discussion it was agreed to explore the matter further at the June meeting.

### **Fallen tree by Bowling Club**

- 6.8 The Clerk reported that a tree had come down in the recent gales. He would make arrangements for this to be removed as soon as ground conditions permitted.

## **7. OPEN SPACES**

### **Trees at Anchor Field**

- 7.1 The Clerk reported that a tree had fallen in the gales at Anchor Field and a stump had been blown down in the hedge at Fingerpost Field. These had been removed and at the same time he had arranged for a dead Horse Chestnut to be felled at Anchor Field and for branches overhanging the skate board area to be cut back. The total cost was £320.
- 7.2 It was agreed that any replanting would need to await the completion of the new surgery.

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

- 8.1 There was no correspondence

## **9. ANY REPORTS (by leave)**

- 9.1 There were no reports

**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

- 10.1 Thursday 8 February immediately after the Council meeting and  
Thursday 14 June, 7.30pm St. Mary's Room, Ringmer Village Hall.

Councillors were reminded that the next meeting would be preceded  
by a tour of play areas starting at 6.30pm at Broyle Close.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.