

Harrietsham Parish Council Environmental Committee

Minutes of the Environmental Committee Meeting held on Thursday 7th July 2016 in the Parish Office Committee Office starting 7:30pm

1. Present: Cllr Glenda Dean, Cllr Ken Kay, Cllr Michael Williams, Cllr Mac Allardyce, Co Opt, Sharon Amos, David Oversby.

Apologies: No members of the Public.

2. The minutes of the last meeting were not signed, due to minutes not available.
3. Matters arising:
All items were on the agenda.
4. Declarations of Interests declared
David Oversby as Tenant of Allotments.
5. Review of award of Amenities Contract – Heber reporting.
 - 5.1 In respect of the number of emails relating to the said Heber contract it was deemed prudent to hold this meeting.
 - 5.2 Before invoices are to be paid 'Issues with Woodlands Walk'
Cllr Ken Kay handed Heber invoices to be approved. There was a discussion concerning additional items on Heber invoices for which no approval had been sought or given. Cllr Ken Kay to investigate.
 - 5.3 It was noted that the CTRL site parallel to the A20 the grass was not cut until 7th July.
 - 5.4 Grass outside the Local Store was completed on 7th July.
 - 5.5 It was noted that parts of the previous contract for contract 5 were not included in the new revised contract. There appeared to be no explanation for this and Cllr Ken Kay agreed to investigate.
 - 5.6 Wood Treatment for Percy the Pilgrim requires attention. Tom Sams was due to find out what type of wood treatment was used, but no reply to date. In addition the fence post rail requires replacement which Cllr Ken Kay offered his services. Amanda Broadhurst will contact the person who sculptured Percy to ask what type of wood treatment is advised to use. Cllr Williams to contact Amanda Broadhurst.
 - 5.7 There are eight (8) benches that come under Harrietsham Parish Council ownership. War Memorial (1) Opposite Village Shop 'Grass area' (3) Woodlands Walk (2) Percy (1) Post Office (1). All have suffered from lack of attention although they were all included in the amenity contracts. Post Office bench seating area has been made safe by Cllr Ken Kay.
 - 5.8 It was briefly discussed that either Paul Milton or Tony Bell might provide paid assistance to upkeep the benches. Further discussion required.
 - 5.9 Village Stream has been strimmed. It was noted that people do throw rubbish in the stream which is a problem in its own right.
6. Allotment Maintenance
 - 6.1 It was noted that PLOT 6B has not been attended 'worked on' since February 2016. Decision was taken to request Amanda Broadhurst to write to the tenant to the effect that the tenancy will be revoked by the 1st August should unless work commences. Cllr Williams to contact Amanda Broadhurst.
 - 6.6 Allotment Stream has been strimmed.

6.7 Further investigation required relating to quotes supplied in cutting the hedge 'East Side – South East'. Concerns over location and price requires validation. Heber quotation: £135, Kent Valley: £1000, Tree Pro: £250. Cllr Allardyce to review costs and ensure location is ratified.

7. Damage to Soil and Hedge after removal of salt bags

7.1 KCC have caused damage to both the hedge and grass when removal of the Salt Bags. The damage and future repositioning of the Salt Bags will be discussed at the next Village Hall Meeting. The Village Hall Trust are aware of the damage.

8. Items for discussion at the next meeting

8.1 Dickley Lane which resides at the end of Marley Lane hedge requires further discussion

9. Meeting closed at 9:20pm. Date of next meeting – 2nd September 2016