

Harrietsham Parish Council Environmental Committee

Minutes of the Environmental Committee Meeting held on Thursday 21stth January 2016
in the Parish Office Committee Office starting 7:30pm

1. Present: Cllr Glenda Dean, Cllr Ken Kay, Cllr Michael Williams. Member of the Public: David Oversby
2. Apologies: Sharone Amos.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as signed. Proposed by Cllr Dean and seconded by Cllr Williams. All in favour.
4. Matters Arising:
 - 4.1 Broken Public Seat opposite the Village Store.
 - 4.2 Padlock Key for Woodlands Walk has not been returned by Losa and Loder after many attempts to contact them. Decision taken to replace padlock with a spare padlock previously purchased for Glebe Field.
 - 4.3 Ownership relating to footpath that runs parallel to Woodlands Lake to be identified.
 - 4.4 Woodland Walk Clearance has been completed.
5. No Declarations of Interest declared.
- 6 Review of Amenities Contracts
 - 6.1 No further comments from Councillors. Amenities Contract to be presented to Full Council for January's Meeting for agreed Sign Off.
 - 6.2 Date set for the 10th February to show potential candidates locations and details relating to contract requirements. Village Hall Meeting Room or Church Room to be booked.
- 7 Playground report and remedial action.
 - 7.1 Monthly Play Area Inspection by Maidstone Borough Council identified several areas that require attention. In specific the Buddy Swing requires attention where significant wear has occurred and categorised as a Medium Risk Rating off B where repair or re-inspect within 4 weeks is acknowledged. Remaining risk ratings are classified as Low Risk. Photographs have been sent to Outdoors Living a company that specialises in Playground Swings etc.
 - 7.2 Surfacing in the playground grass mats now full of very hard soil which no longer offers protection. Outdoors Living has specified Two Days effort for Two Men to pull up old matting and relay to specific standards. This has a cost in the region of £900.00. Further confirmation is expected.
 - 7.3 Cllr Dean to contact Cllr Janetta Sams Cllr Tom Sams in respect for Grants that may be available via Maidstone Borough Council to replace the Playground Mats.

8. Items for discussion at the next meeting
 - 8.1 Village Hanging Basket Competition
 - 8.2 Teer's Meadow and General upkeep
10. Date of next meeting – 24th March 2016
11. Meeting closed at 21:35hrs.