

BEARSTED PARISH COUNCIL.

**Minutes of meeting of the Environment Committee held at KGV Memorial Hall,
Bearsted on Monday 28th November 2016 at 7-30 pm.**

Councillors present:

Cllr. Geoff Bennett (Chairman).

Cllr. Richard Ash.

Cllr. Suzanne Camp.

Cllr. Fabienne Hughes.

Cllr. John Hughes.

Cllr. Pat Marshall MBE.

Cllr. Ash taking the minutes and Cllr. F. Hughes recording the meeting.

1. Apologies and absence. Apologies had been received from Cllr. Farrow.

2. Declarations of Interest or Lobbying. None.

3. Minutes of the last Environment Committee meeting held on the 24th October 2016.

The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair. Resolved unanimously.

4. Matters arising from the last minutes.

It was agreed that all items from the minutes were on the agenda to be discussed.

5. Highways and Footpaths.

a) St. faiths Lane/ Roseacre Lane.

It was agreed that the work now be done by Warings in January 2017 at a cost of £720 for 2 days or £1080 for 3 days. There will be no burning on site, all arisings to be shredded.

b) Parking.

If yellow lines are to be painted it will be very expensive to the Parish. It was proposed by JH and seconded by PM that no action be taken. Agreed unanimously.

c) Further reports.

An e-mail had been received regarding the chestnut pailing fence bordering the footpath between Egremont Road and Ragstone Road which was becoming a hazard. It was proposed by JH and seconded by FH that a quote be obtained from Harland fencing to remove the fence.

This was agreed unanimously. PM will respond to the e-mail.

A gentleman had informed the Council that he had injured himself tripping over the bollard at the top of Bell Lane. He will not be pursuing this.



6. Church Landway/ Church car park.

a) A more user friendly update of the specification for surfacing the Church Landway had been received which needs to be forwarded to Councillors to double check. Action in January.

b) Further reports.

There have been some problems with the lights along Church Landway. BW May have been contacted and the problem has been resolved at no cost.

The rear of the Scout headquarters looks messy and needs tidying up. Action GB to contact the Scouts.

Work has been done on the bench on Church Landway by Mr. Eldridge but on whose authority. This needs checking. Action JH.

A price needs to be obtained for small jobs needed to be done on the play equipment at Church Landway. Action JH

7. Bearsted Green.

a) Rear of Smarts Cottages. Bollards - on going (for January)

b) The Green.

It was proposed by GB and seconded by RA that the quote from Ed and Evie for £765 be accepted to rub down and treat the fence of the play area and the H.Langley bench. Other quotes were £1670 (Paul Eldridge) and £2290 (J D Bush). Agreed unanimously.

Renewal of the posts on the Green. New oak posts would cost £500 for 10 posts. It was agreed to seek further quotes.

The hexagonal seat around the tree will have minor repair work done by Harland's at a cost of £50, the bench on Church Landway will be refurbished and refitted at a cost of £80.00. Proposed by FH and seconded by RA and agreed unanimously.

c) Further reports.

Harland's will quote for the seat on Hog Hill.

FH will forward to RA a photo of the bench for the WI to see. The cost will be £400 plus fixing.

The walnut tree on the Green needs crown lifting. A quote has been obtained for £270 but further quotes will be obtained.

8. Open Spaces

a) Warings will quote for work at Rosemary Road.

b) RA outlined the dog bin situation. All will be removed by MBC but not those that we are responsible for. In their place we will have 2 co- mingled bins, one located at the shops at Madginford and the other in the vicinity of the BWT land close to the church.

RA will ask Ian Packer (I) that the last of our new litter bins be placed by MBC outside the newsagents on the Ashford Road. (Ii) Will you empty our bins on Monday and Friday? (Iii) can we have a larger bin at Rosemary Road



c) Further report

JH will respond to the communication regarding 4 people sharing an allotment at Church Landway and also other matters.

Lighting for the Christmas tree. An extra set has been purchased at a cost of £70.

It was proposed by SC and seconded by GB that the daffodil bulbs purchased by FH be purchased from her. The motion was agreed by 4 votes with 2 abstentions. Planting has been set for 3rd December.

9. a) Beautification of Bearsted.

With regard to the bank opposite the station, KCC had been contacted and we are still awaiting a licence from them to remove the sycamores.

We are still chasing up the Management Company of Madginford shops

b) Draft specification for maintenance/gardener. This is a work in progress. SC has spoken to one person and information will be available after Christmas.

c) Ground maintenance specification. There will be a January meeting regarding this.

10. Date of next Meeting will be 23rd January 2017. RA to contact Carole Phillips to cancel the 19th December meeting.

There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting was closed at 21.40

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