



Maresfield Parish Council

REPRESENTING THE VILLAGES OF MARESFIELD, NUTLEY & FAIRWARP

DRAFT Minutes of the Maresfield Parish Council Environment Committee meeting held remotely via Zoom on Tuesday 1st December 2020 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Dr P Handley (Chair), Cllr Mrs S Cumming, Cllr T Lewin, Cllr Dr B Smith, Cllr Mrs L Stevens-Smith, Cllr A Strevens, Mrs N O'Hanlon (Asst Clerk).

1. **Public session.** None.
2. **Apologies for absence.** Cllr D Watson.
3. **Declarations of interest.** Cllr Mrs S Cumming – Maresfield Conservation Group
Cllr T Lewin – Maresfield Conservation Group
4. **Minutes of previous meeting held via Zoom on 6th October 2020: -**
 - 4.1 Adoption. The minutes as previously circulated were **Adopted**.
 - 4.2 Matters arising from these Minutes not elsewhere on the Agenda.
ACTION - Cllr Dr P Handley will supply Richard Thorn's address.
5. **To Note: Action Points update.** Noted.
6. **Play Areas – inspections, maintenance & development: -**
 - The playground equipment cleaning agreed at the last meeting is now 50% completed.
 - 6.1 **Fords Green Play Area.** None.
 - 6.2 **Fairwarp Play Area.** None.
 - 6.3 **Maresfield Recreation Ground.**

Reports have been received regarding 25+ children and parents congregating in MRG play area after school pick up, contrary to covid regulations and signage put up by MPC at the playground. **ACTION:** Asst Clerk to contact Bonners School to ask for their help in reminding parents of the rules.
 - 6.4 **Parklands, Maresfield.** None.
7. **Footpaths. Discuss re-routing proposals for Maresfield 56 and Maresfield 67b.**

It was **AGREED** unanimously that there are no disputes in the proposed route changes.
8. **Roads and Pavements: -**

Cllr Strevens reported a metal road sign that has fallen off its post near the Fairwarp end of Old Forge Lane. **ACTION:** Cllr Strevens will take a photo of exact sign/location and Ass Clerk will then advise ES Highways.
9. **Trees and Hedges:-** As it is universally agreed that trees help in the fight against climate change it was suggested that Cllr M Craddock might include information on obtaining TPO's to try and safeguard the mature trees in our parish. **ACTION:** Ass Clerk to forward the suggestion to MPC Chairman.
10. **Climate Emergency:-**
 - 10.1 **Discuss what we should call this issue, ie Climate Emergency/Climate Change/Climate Crisis:-** It was **AGREED** that this issue will be referred to as Climate Change and Pollution. **ACTION:** Ass Clerk will add a link on our website Environment page to the WDC Climate Emergency web page.
 - 10.2 **Interest Group:-** There are currently 8 people who have indicated they would like to be involved in a climate change interest group. **ACTION:** Ass Clerk to organise a 1st meeting of the group to take place in January, via zoom.
11. **Road Safety:-**
 - 11.1 **MVAS update.** It was noted that now the FR Team are only working once per month the MVAS batteries run out in between their visits. **ACTION:** Discussions to be had to see if FR Team could attend more often to change the batteries.
 - 11.2 **Speedwatch update.** It was noted that 371 police letters had been sent out to motorists as a result of parish Speedwatch operations in the period July – Nov '20.
12. **Date of next meeting:-** 9th February 2021

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.01