



Maresfield Parish Council

REPRESENTING THE VILLAGES OF MARESFIELD, NUTLEY & FAIRWARP

Minutes of the Maresfield Parish Council Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 6th July 2021 at 7.30pm, in Fairwarp Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Dr P Handley (Chair), Cllr Mrs S Cumming, 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 T Lewin, Cllr D Watson, Cllr Dr E Worrell.
3. **Declarations of interest.** Cllr Mrs S Cumming – Maresfield Conservation Group.
4. **Minutes of previous meeting held via Zoom on 9th February 2020: -**
 - 4.1 **Adoption.**
 - 4.2 **Matters arising from these Minutes not elsewhere on the Agenda.**

It was queried if the large sycamore tree in Maresfield, near to the Gymnastics centre drive, is still growing amongst the overhead cables and in need of trimming. **ACTION:** Asst Clerk to check this out and follow up with WDC and/or Electricity board as necessary.
5. **To Note: Action Points update.** Noted.
6. **Play Areas – inspections, maintenance & development:-**
 - 6.1 **Fords Green Play Area.**

Springer horse in need of repair **ACTION:** Asst. Clerk to ask FR Team to assess if repairable and also obtain a quote for replacement.
 - 6.2 **Fairwarp Play Area.**
 - 6.2.1 **Correspondence about lack of LH handrail on multiplay.**

The advice of the playground inspector was sought and he advised that the equipment meets current safety requirements and it was also noted that if an extra rail was installed it would prevent the older children using the yellow ladder as per the designed use. For the younger children, supervision is key, as per the play area instructions.
 - 6.3 **Maresfield Recreation Ground.** None.
 - 6.4 **Parklands Maresfield.** None.
7. **Footpaths.** None.
8. **Roads and Pavements.**
 - 8.1 **Litter on Roads.** The litter camera trial in Kent was noted and we await results. It was suggested that the subject of litter could be included in the Chairman's next Parish Magazine newsletter.

The verge outside One Oak, Crowborough Road, is still causing an issue as the householder is not prepared to cut down the overgrown vegetation and as there is no footpath walkers have to go on the road. **ACTION:** Ask FR Team to trim that area of verge.
9. **Trees and Hedges.**
 - 9.1 **Lantra Tree Inspection Courses.**

Cllr L Stevens-Smith would be interested in attending one of the courses so that she would be able to identify trees in the parish that need attention. **ACTION:** Asst. Clerk to make enquiries to cost and availability of courses.
10. **Climate Change.** Update given on the next article to be released – Tree planting.
11. **Road Safety.** Cllr A Strevens gave an update, he is hoping that neighbouring Parish Councils will meet with Highways to push the point about needing to make changes to the Maresfield Bypass on safety grounds.

It is hoped that information may be able to be downloaded from the MVAS devices, if so statistics should be available for the next meeting.
12. **East Sussex Biodiversity Action Team.** The article on the activities of this team was noted.



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13. Books in bus shelter – Straight Half Mile

It was agreed that the bus shelter is not an appropriate place for a community library. It not only prevents people from sitting to await a bus, as the bench is full of books, but the books are not protected from the weather so become unusable anyway. **ACTION:** ASST. Clerk to contact WDC Street Scene Team to see if they can clear the books, failing that will ask FR Team to clear them. Once cleared a notice will be put up in the bus shelter asking that no books are left there in future.

14. Date of next meeting:- 5th October 2021

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.47