



Maresfield Parish Council

REPRESENTING THE VILLAGES OF MARESFIELD, NUTLEY & FAIRWARP

DRAFT Minutes of the Maresfield Parish Council Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 5th October 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, Cllr D Watson, Cllr Dr E Worrell, Mrs N O'Hanlon (Asst Clerk).

1. **Public session.** Two members of Maresfield Conservation Group were present to answer any questions Councillors might have regarding item 13, Underhill Parapets.
2. **Apologies for absence.** Cllr T Lewin.
3. **Declarations of interest.** Cllr Mrs S Cumming – Maresfield Conservation Group.
4. **Minutes of previous meeting held on 6th July 2021: -**
 - 4.1 **Adoption.** The Minutes as circulated were Agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.
 - 4.2 **Matters arising from these Minutes not elsewhere on the Agenda.** None.
5. **To Note: Action Points update.** Noted. **ACTION:** Asst. Clerk to get cost of replacing the gate closure at Fords Green play area with a view to replacing the faulty one.
6. **Play Areas – inspections, maintenance & development:-**
 - 6.1 **Fords Green Play Area.**

It has been ascertained that the springer horses are beyond repair. **ACTION:** Asst. Clerk to ask FR Team to remove them for safety reasons.
 - 6.2 **Fairwarp Play Area.** None.
 - 6.3 **Maresfield Recreation Ground.**

If damaged sign cannot be sufficiently repaired, replacement sign should have fixing screws in each corner to help prevent future damage from vandals.
ACTION: Asst. Clerk to cost and source replacement chains and flat swing seat to replace the special swing seat that has been repeatedly damaged by misuse.
 - 6.4 **Parklands Maresfield.** Cllr L Stevens-Smith has identified some trees of concern near the BMX track. **ACTION:** Asst. Clerk to ascertain from WDC who is responsible for tree maintenance with Parklands and if it is MPC organise a tree specialist to inspect and report on the state of them and any action required.
7. **Playground equipment cleaning.** FR Team to be asked to carry a scrubbing brush and water with them to remove any bird droppings from playground equipment. **ACTION:** Asst Clerk to obtain cost of twice yearly deep clean of all playground equipment.
8. **Footpaths.** None.
9. **Roads and Pavements:** The poor state of the pavement outside the Nutley Garage at Fords Green was raised again. The update on this matter is that ES Highways did inspect and apart from a small section, which was patched, it does not meet the requirements for being resurfaced.
10. **Trees and Hedges.**
 - 10.1 **Lantra Tree Inspection Courses – Update from Cllr Mrs L Stevens-Smith**

Cllr L Stevens-Smith recently attended the Lantra training day and gave Councillors an overview of what was covered. Subsequently Councillor Stevens-Smith has started putting the training to good use inspecting trees in the playground areas and identifying some that are in need of further investigation to assess their safety. **ACTION:** Asst Clerk to report the trees identified as being of concern to WDC Tree Warden.
11. **Climate Change.**

Cllr Dr B Smith updated Councillors on the Social Kitchen project that has recently opened a community fridge in Uckfield. It was not thought to be an appropriate project for Maresfield Parish at this time but we will continue to follow progress in surrounding areas.



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- 11.1 Agree new format of CCIG.** It was agreed that in future quarterly meetings would be appropriate with the next meeting to be arranged for November.
- 11.2 Woodland Trust, Queens Green Canopy Projects – Free Planting Packs.**
ACTION: Asst Clerk to ascertain the type of trees available in the packs, the quantity supplied and the size of the trees.
- 12. Road Safety.** An update was given on the Nursery Lane, Nutley issue as ES Highways have advised that they are not prepared to make any changes to the junction. There is a suggestion of a mirror being put up opposite the junction but that would need the agreement of the building owner and if it was against ES Highways regulations it would be removed by them.
- Sample information and graphs taken from the MVAS speed devices were noted with interest and future information, taken over a more meaningful period, will be able to be shared on the website.
- 13. Underhill Parapets.** A wealth of information was supplied by MCG and other interested parties which was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. After clarifying some points with the two members of MCG who attended the public session, the Councillors **AGREED** unanimously to support the efforts of MCG in getting the parapets replaced with something that would be more fitting on both health and safety grounds and aesthetically.
- 14. Date of next meeting:- 14th December 2021**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.10