

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SOUTH WONSTON PAVILION COMMITTEE 12-01-2021

### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

### PAVILION AND RECREATION GROUND MANAGEMENT

Happy Days continue; under Covid 19 regulations everything else is closed. There have been complaints about the outside toilet being closed. It should be explained to users of South Wonston Eye that we regret the inconvenience but we have acted on health grounds. Cable ties on the tennis court gate were cut, but a way has been found of locking it up. An enforceable fine of £200 is relevant to tennis court "abuse". The virus is increasing. Handyman/caretaker Terry Winter (TW) may need full PPE. A deep clean will take place in the last week of January, February and March 2021.

The recreation ground will enjoy a period of rest for the pitches as no football will take place for at least three months until April. Cllr Street (FS) suggests carrying on with the roller etc to be ready for the season. Cllr Perrins (JP, Chairman) thought as we are now out of the EU, something more effective to deal with the chafer grubs might be purchased. Cllr Selby (DS) suggests getting advice about recreation ground maintenance from the experts at Winchester City Council and Winchester College. JP agrees and advises getting an estimate from Grass and Grounds.

The Pavilion is mostly closed, but there are problems. The picket fence needs a new coat of paint. Door surrounds have lost surface colour. Football damage is suspected. Jobs should start with the outside. The Clock Tower needs a clean and repainting. Mr D. Jones has got some suitable ladders to lay over the roof, Clerk advises. FS proposes making a list of everything to be done. DS asks about the quality of our paint. JP says Mr R. Watts has looked into this and usually advises Clerk as to what to get at Brewers. Clerk comments about the prevailing SW wind which has done more damage to the Changing Room doors. FS suggests we should take professional advice. JP asks for contractors' quotes. The supporting poles, wooden slats underneath and front porch need re-staining. FS volunteers to go round with JP to make the list. Clerk suggests the benches round the recreation ground could do with a rub down and varnish. EHS could do the power wash. FS advises washing and then varnishing on a summer's evening.

### ACTIONS ARISING

Clerk to tackle complainants on South Wonston Eye and organise estimates., DS to research recreation ground maintenance, JP and FS to create job list, FS to research paint quality and Cllr Peal (AP) to look at plumbing solutions at the Village Hall.

### LESLIE MACKINNON JOINS THE MEETING

Leslie Mackinnon (LM) joins the meeting to find out about the Tree Warden role. JP thanks her and refers to the grant of saplings from the Woodland Trust. Preparatory cleaning and thinning work is being done to the recreation ground's wooded areas. Ash Dieback is going to be a problem. LM's help is needed with positioning and planting the new saplings, deciding where to upgrade and what other vegetation might be considered. Volunteers are on hand to do the digging. A plan of action leading to a clean slate to work on would be appreciated. LM asks how wide her remit would be. JP answers Pavilion and village wide. She describes the Tree Warden's role. It involves advising on any tree, assisting with planning issues and the planting or removal of new or old specimens. JP and Clerk confirm for FS that we have been given hawthorn, silver birch and cherry saplings as well as

other trees and shrubs to go in the village. LM's contact in the Parish Council is confirmed as Clerk. Training may be tricky during lockdown, but former tree wardens Mr A. Rolt and Lt. Col. Keating may be able to help. LM asks for contacts with local farmers and landowners, especially with regard to hedgerows and with a view to involving the community. JP discusses village sites where trees might benefit from removal and replacement: the school, amenity areas, private homes, especially in Downs Rd and lost hedgerows. Clerk confirms the full list of sapling species: rowan, oak, field maple, grey willow, silver birch, crab apple and silver dog rose. LM asks about TPO's. These are to be found online via an interactive map. FS urges not planting trees where future development might happen, but concentrate on getting the 150 saplings in during the next three months till March. We can look at plans for the village later on. DS agrees. There are possible projects for the recreation ground to avoid planting on. Alternatively, a copse could be developed on the BMX track. LM says she will walk round with partner Paul. DS offers to walk too. LM wants to know who owns what. JP asks LM if she is willing to give the job a go and LM replies yes. She's really keen to improve local biodiversity and wonders how we fit in with Winchester's biodiversity plans. We're just doing our own thing, but LM thinks help might come from there. Clerk promises to discuss community planting, but is concerned about the lockdown situation and volunteer safety. DS refers to trees that might have failed on Wellesley Drive at Worthy Down; perhaps we should have spoken to Lt. Col. Allen.

#### ACTIONS ARISING

Clerk will link LM up with Mr A. Rolt and another Parish Councillor.

#### FINANCE

Clerk reports that financial matters were tackled at the previous evening's Parish Council Meeting. She hasn't completed the December invoices – Hobbs, Happy Days and Saturday Gym Club – yet. Clerk had a £750.00 fee fixed for the whole junior season, but has only billed up to the end of November. Should she bill for December or charge nothing? Football will probably not start again until April. Lockdown started 26<sup>th</sup> December. It was agreed she should bill again when lockdown lifts.

#### DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2021, at 1.30pm