

MEDSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 22nd October 2014 AT MEDSTEAD VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM

Present:

Cllr K Kercher (Chairman); Cllrs P Buckland, H Taylor, and J Penny.

Also present: Miss Katie Knowles (Clerk).

14.24 OPEN SESSION

- a. Councillor Taylor reported that a 'Notice of Deposit' sign had been put up on FP29 where it meets FP35, together with a map but with no explanation of what it meant. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries.
- b. Councillor Buckland reported that the bushes on the Hussell Lane boundary of the Village Green needed to be cut back opposite Manor Cottages.
- c. Councillor Penny reported that the stile on FP30 opposite the entrance to Stoney Lane on Five Ash Road needed to be replaced and would be suitable for a kissing gate. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries with the landowner.

14.25 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

All members were present.

14.26 MINUTES

- a. The minutes of the meeting held on 27th August having been previously circulated, **were agreed and a true record and were signed by the Chairman.**
- b. The Committee noted that the works at the Five Ash Road pond had been effective to date but that it would be monitored over the winter months.

14.27 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

14.28 MEDSTEAD CEMETERY

- a) The Committee reviewed the Cemetery improvements. The Council had received positive feedback on the path and the tree works have opened up the entrance. It was felt that a "No Vehicles" sign should be fixed to the gate.
- b) The Clerk had previously circulated a response from the Rotary on the Committee's project proposal for a Memorial Wall which the Rotary Club felt unable to be involved with. However Members agreed to continue with the project. It was **RESOLVED** that the cost of the materials estimated at £1,000, are resourced through external sources such as the District Councillor Grant Fund and that the Committee recommend to Council that it meets that the labour cost.

14.29 FOOTPATHS

The Committee agreed a programme of works agreed at the last meeting. It was noted that a significant amount of the work was still outstanding and the Clerk was asked to chase the contractor. It was **RESOLVED** to add the kissing gate on FP30 to the programme of works.

14.30 VILLAGE GREEN

The Committee considered a quote from the Council pest control contractor for a prevention and control programme for moles on the Village Green comprised 6 treatment per annum at a cost of £309.00. The Clerk reported that the total cost to date for mole treatments was £252 which related to three treatment. It was agreed that the proposal was more cost effective. It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Council to approve the quotation subject to confirmation that the 6 treatments included the follow up visits.

14.31 CURRENT AND FUTURE PROJECTS 2014/15

- a) The Committee reviewed the routine and future tasks. It was noted that the quotations for a new noticeboard for Boyneswood Road, and the installation of the new litter bins was still outstanding.
- b) The Committee considered actions for the Lengthsman who is due in the Parish on 15th December 2014. It was agreed that the Clerk should email Councillors for additional tasks.
 - Trim the bushes on Hussell Lane opposite Manor Cottages.
 - Paint the metal bench backing onto Foul Lane (Peggy Dorbon memorial bench).
 - Repair the broken slats on wooden bench on the Village Green on Roe Down Rd.

At the conclusion of the discussions the meeting was closed at 7.55pm

SignedChairman

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