

MEDSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17th DECEMBER 2014 AT MEDSTEAD VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

Present:

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

Also present: Miss Katie Knowles (Clerk).

14.32 OPEN SESSION

Councillor Buckland reported:

- The Village Hall Trustees had agreed that a defibrillator could be installed outside the Hall. They would provide the electricity supply but would not be responsible for the maintenance.
- Mr Cole was appreciative of the Council's record of thanks for clearing the leaves from the footpath outside the school.
- The Clerk had been copied in on some correspondence between the Bowls Club and the builder at Thurzewood on Roe Downs Rd after a number of very large vehicles including a crane damaged the verges at the entrance to the Bowls club. The builder responded very quickly and the verges have now been repaired.

14.33 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

All members were present.

14.34 MINUTES

- a. The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd October 2014 having been previously circulated, **were agreed and a true record and were signed by the Chairman.**
- b. The Clerk confirmed that the mole control & prevention programme had been confirmed with the contractor and the current infestation will be included under the terms.

14.35 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

14.36 MEDSTEAD CEMETERY

The Committee reviewed a specification and accompanying plans prepared by Councillor Pullen for the tender of the construction of the Memorial Wall. It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Council that quotations are obtained for the construction of the works, subject to the following additions:

- i. Details of the type of brick (red/brown Hampshire brick preferred) and a requirement that the chosen contractor submit an example for approval.
- ii. A site plan showing the location of the wall within the Cemetery.
- iii. Notification that there is no vehicle access in the Cemetery.

14.37 FOOTPATHS

- a) The Committee received an update on the agreed works programme. The following update to the agreed works and additional items were agreed.

Footpath No	Update or Amendment
FP12 Common Hill opposite Magpie Farm	There are two separate jobs. The repair of the stile and the construction of some steps to assist walkers on the steep bank next to the stile.

FP12 – Lower section between Homestead Rd and Paice Lane	The repair of the second stile has created an access problem for large dogs. Scott has been asked to look at the stile and the Clerk was asked to investigate a dog paddle.
FP12 - Stile at point where Soldridge Rd meets Upper Soldridge Rd.	Write to landowner to request agreement to any necessary repairs to the stiles and to construct steps up to Stile.
FP10 – Goatacre Lane at the point where the footpath heads off towards Bighton Road.	Clear vegetation and repair stile. New works order for Scott. Clerk to action.
FP8 – The Old Rectory, Common Hill.	New item. The lower step is missing. Write to landowner with offer that the Parish Council would install a kissing gate. Previous offer was declined by the landowner.

- b) The Committee reviewed the County Council vegetation priority cutting list for the Parish which is currently out for consultation. Currently according to the schedule FPs 2, 12, 14, 29 and 34 are cut during August. The Committee agreed to submit the following comments to HCC Rights of Way:

Footpath	Comment
FP 2	Agreed this should remain on the list
FP 12	Remove
FP 14	Prioritise section from the junction with FP 12 to Medstead Cemetery.
FP 16	Add as new priority FP
FP 29	Remove
FP 34	Remove

14.38 CURRENT AND FUTURE PROJECTS 2014/15

- a) The Committee reviewed the routine and future tasks. It was agreed to add the Memorial Wall project under the Cemetery Renovation Programme heading.
- b) The Committee considered actions for the Lengthsman who is due in the Parish on 23rd February 2015. The following items were agreed:
- Clear the grip at Five Ash Road pond
 - Clear the grip on Paice Lane (on the first bend on the left hand side beyond the entrance to the Nursery.
 - FP24 (High Street) Clear vegetation after the Fir Trees.

At the conclusion of the discussions the meeting was closed at 8.40pm

SignedChairman

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