

MILBORNE PORT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Open Spaces and Footpaths Committee held on Tuesday 16th April 2019 at 7.15pm at the Town Hall

Present: Mr P Lock (Chair), Mrs M. Lock, Mr R Douglas, Mr C Laughton, Mr Martin Lancaster, Tom Campbell.

Public Question Time.

There were no members of the public present.

- **Apologies for absence.** Mr J Pitman.
- **Declarations of Interest.** None.
- The minutes of the open spaces and footpaths committee meeting held on Tuesday 19th March 2019 were approved and signed as an accurate record of the meeting.
- **Review and update action list:**

The Playing Field committee have received a revised quotation for the football field maintenance work. The work will now proceed at a cost of £5200 paid for by club funds and this year's agreed grant. An onsite meeting has been requested with a view to creating a long term work and funding plan. There may be sum funds available this year to complete the churchyard footpaths arising from VAT refunds. The defective lawn mower has been repaired.
- **Tree wardens report:** No report submitted, however a full report was submitted to the AGM also held earlier in April.
- **Allotments:** The spare allotments have been rotovated by Dikes and are now ready for the surgery project. It is uncertain which plot has been designated by the clerk. Action by the chairman to secure the allotment records and peg out the appropriate plot. The SWIB judges have made a suggestion that they should visit our allotments a letter will be sent to all allotment holders advising them of the visit on the 9th July.
- **Cemetery and Churchyard:** No issues arising.
- **Station Copse:** No issues arising.
- **Clump, The Ball Court and the Grove:** The go ahead has been given to the SWIB volunteer team to improve the floral display in the Ball Court and Grove Garden. A self watering tub has been ordered to complete the arrangement in the Ball Court, a small quantity of flowering plants have also been purchased. It was requested that we seek approval at the next full council meeting to spend up to a limit of £600 on plants and additional flower boxes and a replacement litter bin for the Clump.
- **Play area updates:** No progress has been made on the plans for play area updates. Mr Douglas will check the files for any partially completed plans.
- **Footpaths:** Mrs Lock will not be standing in the forthcoming elections and has therefore stood down as our footpaths representative. The committee thanked her for her long and valued contribution. It was noted that the broken railings on the

High footpath have still not been repaired after almost a year. Clive Laughton agreed to chase the highways dept to get the repair done.

- **The date of the next open spaces and footpaths committee meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 18th June 2019.**

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