

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
OF WALBERTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE PAVILION ON 6th OCTOBER, 2015**

Present: Councillors Mrs Clark (Chairman), Mrs Wallsgrove, Ms English, Siragher.

In attendance: Councillor Strickland

37015 Apologies for absence

An apology was recorded from Councillor Mrs Norton

37115 Declarations of Interests

Councillor Mrs Clark declared a personal interest in the bus shelter

37215 Confirmation of the minutes

The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 18th August, 2015 were approved and signed by the Chairman

37315 Matters arising

No further written communications have been received relating to the cycle path.

37415 Sussex Police

1. There were no crimes of note in the Parish recorded in the latest reports
2. The Clerk reported that the "Walberton, Binsted and Fontwell Group" has been given enabled status and the Clerk has undertaken the Community Speedwatch Theory Course. All volunteers will have to undertake their on line training. Details of how to register will be sent to all prospective volunteers. A meeting will be called for Monday 26th October at 6.00 pm in the pavilion when a Group Co-ordinator will need to be appointed. PCSO Pereira will be invited to the meeting

37515 Playing Field

1. The quotation from Mr D Bentley for the additional tree works was considered and approved. The total cost of this work will be £900.00.
2. It was agreed to purchase 2 x dummy CCTV cameras (information supplied by Cllr Ms English) and some warning signs.
3. The Village Hall Committee have asked if the space created by felling the diseased horse chestnut tree could be left vacant for use by hall user groups. Councillors had no objection to this.
4. Councillor Strickland is still waiting for the final agreement/offer on use of the tennis courts at Avisford Hilton.

37615 Highways Issues

1. The Clerk has reported lamp 5 by the entrance to the car park to SSE to have overgrown foliage trimmed. Details of how to report faults are on each lamp standard.
2. Councillor Siragher confirmed that letters has been sent to all homes where growth is affecting footways. There still appears to be a problem at 11 Maple Road.

37715 Play Area

1. The September inspection report was noted. The Clerk will arrange repairs to the torn play surface.
2. New play equipment will be considered in the New Year

37815 Pavilion maintenance

1. A quotation will be sought to tidy up the rear of the changing rooms. This will include painting, repair (or replacement) of the windows and repairs to the broken guttering.
2. Terry Aldridge will be asked to repair the top of the gates into the courtyard and to make sure that this area is secure.

37915 Web site

1. Councillor Siragher felt that this should not be an agenda item as it is officially a Village web site not a parish Council site. The villages site has a volunteer working group who are grateful for the assistance given by the Parish Council.

38015 Fontwell Phone Box/defibrillator

1. Councillor Mrs Wallsgrove will speak to the landowner to see if a signed agreement could be obtained relating to right of access if the box is not moved.
2. An updated quote for repainting will be obtained.

38115 Operation Watershed

Nothing further to report. Mr R Humphrey, WSCC, will again speak with Landbuild.

38215 Village Pond/Green

1. The quotation from Perfect Petals (£135.00) for maintenance was considered and approved. This is for additional work.
2. The idea of a Community Orchard is finding favour. There needs to be a full consultation – notices/letters/Parish News. Councillor Mrs Clark will draft a poster. Perhaps sponsor a tree? Species of trees could include apple, pear, plum, damson and cherry. The area could also incorporate a wild flower patch. Consideration will also be given to a new seat/bench along side of the cycle path.

38315 Bus shelter

Councillor Mrs Wallsgrove reported that our application for a grant had been refused. County Councillor Whittington will be advising of another funding source that could be accessed.

38415 Finger Posts

No funding application has yet been made. Councillor Mrs Wallsgrove and Councillor Strickland will look for sources of funding.

38515 Walberton Task Force

No report available

38615 West Sussex Cycling and Walking Strategy

The strategy document was considered and the priorities were agreed.
Councillor Mrs Clark will reply.

38715 Community Resilience

Councillor Mrs Clark has completed the survey questionnaire on behalf of the Council

38815 Correspondence

There was no correspondence to consider

38915 Other Business

1. Councillor Mrs Wallsgrove reported from the Community Playcentre meeting she had attended.
2. There is an overgrown hedge on a parcel of land in the vicinity of Burch Grove which is causing problems. The Clerk asked for photographic evidence before this can be pursued.

39015 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 17th November at 6.30pm in the Pavilion.

signed dated.....

Committee Chairman