

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
OF WALBERTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE PAVILION ON 1st
OCTOBER 2013**

Present: Councillors Siragher, Helyer, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Norton, Mrs. May

In attendance:

In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Siragher was elected to chair the meeting

25013 Apologies for absence

Councillor Roddham

25113 Declarations of Interests

None

25213 Confirmation of the minutes

The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 18th July, 2013 were approved and signed by the Chairman

25313 Matters arising

There were no matters arising for discussion

25413 Sussex Police

1. The latest crime reports were noted.

25513 Playing Field

1. The Clerk was still waiting for a meeting with Arun Tree Company to consider the Tree warden's report.
2. An ash tree bordering the footpath from The Street to Avisford Park Road needs attention.

25613 Highways issues

1. The Clerk was asked to contact the Joint Downland Committee to ask if they would support an application for a 20mph speed limit
2. The "Slow Down" signs originally designed by pupils at Walberton School are now looking faded. WSCC will be approached and asked if they would consider funding a new competition for signs.

25713 Play Area

1. The September inspection report was noted

25813 Pavilion maintenance

The Clerk will be contacting an electrician to arrange for:
additional sockets in the kitchen
a new light fitting in the kitchen
new extractor fan in the showers
PAT testing
new store shed light switch

Quotations will be obtained for a new fire door into the courtyard

- 25913 Broadband/ web sites update**
A letter from the leader of WSCC giving an update on better broadband was circulated to Councillors
- 26013 Rights of Way**
1. The routine maintenance report was discussed
2. The Clerk was asked to ascertain where clearance had been undertaken and where the new waymarkers were erected.
- 26113 Fontwell Phone Kiosk**
The quotation from Terry Aldridge Building Services totalling £690.00 was considered and approved subject to grant funds being obtained.
- 26213 Bus Shelter Grants**
The details of the 2013/14 scheme were considered. No further action.
- 26313 Multi Use Games Area**
The Clerk has arranged a meeting with a representative of Sovereign on 23rd October. A meeting with Playdale has to be arranged
- 26413 Health and Safety issues.**
Details of the Local Council Advisory Service seminars on Health and Safety matters had been circulated. No Councillor was able to attend
- 26513 Correspondence**
1. A letter had been received from the Pre-School complaining about the amount of dog mess on the playing field. After some discussion it was agreed to investigate the regulations required to enforce owners to keep their dogs on leads whilst on the playing field.
2. The e-mail from Mrs. Barratt concerning the local bus services was noted.
- 26613 Other business**
1. Councillor Mrs. Clark advised that the pond grant application was almost ready to be submitted to SITA. A quotation from Aldingbourne Country Centre for Notice Boards, benches and nest boxes totalling £525.00 was approved and it was agreed that this amount would be added to the grant application.
2. A complaint has been received about noise levels at a wedding reception held in the Village Hall. The Village Hall Chairman has distanced himself from the complaint and said the Parish Council should take responsibility as they allowed two small marquees to be erected alongside of the hall. After a full and frank discussion it was agreed that Councillors Mrs. May and Mrs. Clark would get together and report back their suggestions to the Committee for consideration.
3. Councillor Mrs. Norton is now unable to attend the WSCC seminar on 31st October. Councillor Mrs. May will consider standing in
- 26713 Date of next meeting**
The date of the next meeting will be advised

signed..... dated.....

Committee Chairman