

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
OF WALBERTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE PAVILION ON 22nd
JANUARY 2013**

**Present: Councillors Roddham (Chairman), Helyer, Siragher, Mrs. Clark,
Mrs. Norton, Mrs. May**

In attendance: County Councillor Derek Whittington
9 members of the public

02213 Apologies for absence
None

02313 Declarations of Interests
None

02413 Confirmation of the minutes
The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 20th
November, 2012 were approved and signed by the Chairman

02513 Matters arising
Bags of salt/grit for Henty Close and Hedgers Hill had been ordered on
21st November, 2012.

02613 Public Questions
None

02713 Sussex Police
The latest crime reports were noted.

02813 Playing Field

1. The Cricket Club's reply to the points raised by Councillors at the meeting on 20th November 2012 was discussed. The Cricket Club explained that they were attempting to source grants to help fund the practice net which would be supplied and erected by Notts Sport Ltd. The Committee agreed in principle to allow the net subject to Councillors viewing the preferred site. Councillor Roddham will organise a suitable date and advise the Cricket Club who will send a representative to meet the Councillors.
2. The Committee agreed that the Clerk could organise pest control to eradicate the mole problem.

02913 Highways issues

1. There is no news when the proposed work in West Walberton Lane is likely to happen.
2. In the 2013-14 WSCC Highways Plan £15000.00 has been allocated for West Walberton Lane work and £21900.00 for work in the Street.
3. Councillor Mrs. Clark advised that the Barnham Lane 40mph speed restriction has now been approved,.

02914 Play Area

1. The annual equipment inspection has been completed by the manufacturer and the report was considered by the Committee.

All repairs have now been carried out apart from one tread bolt which is proving difficult to fit.

2. The Clerk was authorised to arrange a ROSPA and Risk Assessment check of the play area. Likely cost will be £88.00 plus VAT.

02915 Pavilion maintenance

There were no issues for discussion

02916 Broadband/ web sites update

A working group comprising of Councillors Roddham, Siragher, and Mrs. Clark with Mr. J. Bushrod will meet on 12th February, 2013 and report back to the Committee.

03013 Fontwell phone box

1. Maintenance is on hold until the spring
2. A picture of a phone box being used as a book exchange had been circulated and this was considered to be an ideal use for our box in Fontwell.

03113 Village Green/Pond

1. The Clerk has a meeting arranged for 23rd January with Aquascience to look at ideas for cleaning the pond and reducing the reed growth.
2. Councillor Mrs. Clark reported that the fallen tree still required clearing from the culvert.

03213 Rights of Way

The summary of works undertaken in the parish by the WSCC Rights of Way team was noted. Councillor Mrs. Clark asked if there was a breakdown of the areas where the work was undertaken but this is never supplied by WSCC.

03313 Jubilee Wood

The Clerk advised that we had been successful with our application to the Woodland Trust and we would be receiving a pack of 420 trees (large hedge/copse – all year colour) early in March.

03413 Correspondence

1. The e-mail from Mr. & Mrs. Turner concerning raw sewage spilling from the drains outside their home and the lack of action from Southern water was discussed. County Councillor Whittington suggested that Mr. Turner contact our local Member of Parliament Mr. Nick Herbert and also offered his own help. Councillor Helyer who had also experienced similar problems suggested contacting OFFWAT and offered to provide contact details. The Clerk will write to Southern Water expressing the Council's dissatisfaction.

03513 Other business

1. Councillor Mrs. May had received a complaint concerning the noise of bird scarers being set off on a local farm. Councillor Helyer who farms the land has now taken steps to reduce the noise level.
2. Councillor Mrs. Clark asked for an item on the next agenda to cover

the winding up of the Jubilee Committee and items left over from the celebrations.

3. Councillor Siragher had been investigating the possibility of the Slindon mini bus calling in Walberton but it was considered not worthwhile.
4. The clerk was asked to put up a notice to remind all parishioners that they are entitled (and indeed would be very welcome) to attend all meetings of the Council.

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Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 19th March 2013

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

Committee Chairman