# MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

# OF WALBERTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE PAVILION ON 8th JULY 2014

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# Present: Councillors Roddham, Siragher, Rogers, Helyer, Mrs Clark, Mrs May,

# Mrs. Norton

**In attendance:**

**28514 Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence

# 28614 Declarations of Interests

Councillor Mrs Clark declared personal interests in work in the Pound and

at the village pond.

**28714 Confirmation of the minutes**

The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 27th May, 2014 were approved and signed by the Chairman

**28814 Matters arising**

1. The Clerk had sourced a supplier of dog doo bag dispensers suitable for putting on the pavilion wall. The cost of a dispenser is £79.00plus VAT and the bags (gloves) are £26.00 per roll. The Clerk was instructed to proceed with placing a trial order.
2. JK Engineering have been instructed to proceed with refurbishment of the Blacksmith’s Corner finger post. The Chairman has been advised that our County Councillor will support an application for grant assistance from WSCC. The chairman will now proceed with the application
3. The Clerk will progress the Operation Watershed work
4. The Jubilee Arch has now been repaired.
5. WSCC Rights of way are investigating the condition of the footpath opposite Binsted Church.
6. Councillor Siragher has been in contact with a possible supplier of CCTV systems. The Clerk will arrange an appointment.
7. Councillor Mrs Norton pointed out that it was a questionnaire on the future of the Fontwell phone box and not a petition as recorded.

# 28914 Sussex Police

1. The latest crime reports were noted.

# 29014 Playing Field

1. The official opening ceremony for the Cricket practice net/wicket was performed by County Councillor Whittington and was well attended.

# 29114 Highways issues

There were no issues to discuss

# 29214 Play Area

1. The June inspection report was noted.
2. Two seats in the play area have been repaired along with the broken fence posts at a cost of £220.00
3. A contractor has been called in to check and if necessary repair the equipment faults highlighted in the report.
4. The Holly Tree site S106 payment (£6000.00) for play equipment is due to be signed off by Arun District Council on 10th July. Councillors were of the opinion that the money should be used for equipment suitable for older children. The Clerk will raise this with ADC.

# 29314 Pavilion maintenance

1. The growth behind the changing rooms has been cleared and all waste removed. It has revealed a rotten window frame. Councillor Mrs Norton will supply the contact details of a upvc frame supplier.
2. New doors have been fitted to the Red Cross hut, the fire door in the pavilion has been repaired and refitted and the damaged section of worktop replaced for a cost of £420.00. A new toilet seat has been fitted in the ladies cloakroom and stays fitted to the main doors.

# 29414 Broadband/ web sites update

1. The June update from West Sussex County Council was noted. The Clerk was asked to write to WSCC asking for a Parish specific update.
2. The Chairman circulated a quotation from Web Spun Solutions which was to be considered along with the quotation from Maroline design which had already been circulated to Councillors .After some discussion the Committee resolved to ask Maroline Design to proceed

with updating the Village (WAG) web site. The re-design fee is £600.00 which includes technical support for the first 3 months. Revisions will be charged at £35.00 per hour, extra pages £100.00 per page and technical support at £35,00 per hour. The Chairman will make contact to get work started.

# 29514 The Pound

Repairs to the wall have been completed and the Council has received

some complimentary comments concerning the quality of the work.

The information board has still to be erected. The position will

be determined at a later date

**29614 The Pond**

1. The picnic bench has been ripped from it’s mountings and the glass panel in the notice board has been smashed. Repairs are in hand.
2. Councillor Mrs Clark gave an update on the events/timetable for the

official re-opening of the pond on 12th July following the restoration work funded by a SITA grant. All Councillors were urged to attend and give support. Posters are being put up around the parish.

# 29714 New bus shelter/stop

The results of the consultation held on 2nd July had been circulated

to Councillors. After consideration of the results and some discussion the committee decided unanimously that they were opposed to having a metal framed shelter at the proposed site and resolved to have a wooden shelter which was considered more in keeping with the area. It was also thought that a bespoke built shelter would be preferable provided that this would qualify for grant assistance from WSCC. The Clerk was asked to investigate and advise.

**29814 Fontwell Phone Box**.

Councillor Mrs Norton reported on the results of the questionnaire

placed in the Village Stores at Fontwell. Of the 52 people who had

completed the questionnaire 41 were residents of Fontwell, 10 did

not live in Fontwell and 1 did not state where they lived. The

majority of the respondents were of the opinion that the phone box

should stay in Fontwell. The Clerk was asked to speak to WSCC to

find out if it would be possible to move the box to a County owned

highway verge within the settlement. This would allow the Council

to put the box to use as either an information point or book

exchange. A final decision on the future of the box will be made at

a later date.

**29914 Litter in Fontwell**

Councillor Mrs Norton was concerned about the amount of litter that

accumulates from time to time around the garage site. This appears

to be discarded paper cups in the main. The Clerk was asked to

write to the garage site manager to see what can be done to

resolve this problem.

**30014 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence to consider

# 30114 Other business

Councillor Mrs May raised the possibility of a web cam system in

the village which might help security. This idea will be explored.

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# 30214 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be advised

signed………………………………………… dated………………………

Committee Chairman