

Hoo St Werburgh Parish Council
Minutes from the Environmental Committee Meeting
Held on 27th May 2020 at 1.00pm via Zoom

***Councillors Present: Tildesley
Rees
Chambers
Fray
Freshwater
Pearce
Perfect
Pratt***

Also, Present: Parish Clerk.

The meeting was Chaired by Cllr Tildesley.

1. Apologies.

No apologies were received.

2. Declaration of Interests.

No interests were declared

3. Recreation Grounds.

a. New play equipment.

Revised quotation received and site meeting being arranged to clarify position of play equipment and fencing.

Action: Clerk to progress.

b. Bins for Recreation Grounds

New bins have been installed at Pottery Road Recreation Ground and the new bin at Hoo Common in hand.

Action: Clerk to progress.

c. Tree Maintenance.

Quotations to be sought for tree maintenance at recreation grounds when all reports had been submitted by Medway Norse. This was currently delayed due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Action: Clerk to progress.

d. Floodlights.

Cllr Pearce to draw up specification for the floodlights. Clerk to contact Village Hall regarding the electricity supply

Action: Cllr Pearce and Clerk to action.

e. Signage for Recreation Grounds.

Cllr Pearce confirmed that the signage for the Recreation Grounds had been ordered and quotations would now be sought for the installation of these.

Action: Cllr Pearce/Clerk to progress.

Cllr Chambers spoke regarding the bench next to the central pathway at Pottery Road Recreation Ground, she stated that this had a hole in front of it that needed to be filled as this pooled in wet weather.

It was agreed that the Clerk would seek a quotation to have this filled and turfed with a rubber mesh.

Action: Clerk to action.

The Chairman reported that the ranch style fencing at Hoo Common had been damaged.

Action: Clerk to arrange for fencing contractor to give quotation for the replacement of the damaged fencing.

4. Parish Allotments.

A discussion took place regarding the fencing of the Allotments and the need for the chain link fencing to be removed from the inside of the perimeter fence.

It was agreed that the Clerk would arrange for quotations to be sought.

Action: Clerk to Action.

Allotment Footpath – Cllr Pearce to draw up specification for the new pathway at the allotments, incorporating an additional standpipe. Work anticipated in the Spring of 2021.

Action: Cllr Pearce to progress.

Vacant allotment plots to be let with the exception of plot 16 as this was in need of clearance before being made available.

Action: Parish Warden to be asked clear plot 16.

5. Burial Ground.

Cllr Rees reported that the Parish Council should seek the views of the new Priest in Charge before any further work on the burial ground was undertaken.

This was agreed that the Clerk was asked to write to the new Priest in Charge to seek his views, Cllr Rees to draw up a brief history of the site for the letter.

Action: Cllr Rees and Clerk to progress.

6. Other Projects.

Village Planters

Cllr Pearce reported that the PC had now been given the authority to site the planters in the Village Centre by Medway Council.

It was agreed that tenders would now be sought for the planters and the installation of these.

Action: Clerk to liaise with Cllr Pearce to progress.

Parish Council Nursery/ Storage Area

The Clerk stated that this was now on hold until the issues over the Section 106 money spent on the new infants play areas had been resolved.

7. Any Other Business.

Cllr Freshwater asked if the PC could request dog bins for the new housing development areas. It was noted that this was a Medway Council responsibility.

Cllr Fray briefed members on an issue that she had raised with regards to the lighting at Deangate Ridge, she stated that she had been in communication with Medway Norse regarding this.