

# ICKLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

A local council for the peoples of Icklesham, Winchelsea, Winchelsea Beach and Rye Harbour

## Draft Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee Meeting held at Winchelsea Court Hall on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**Present:** Cllrs: C Chappell, I Mann, I McConnachie, D Smedley (Chairman), H Sutton and Mrs. A Thomson.

In Attendance: Jenner Sands (Clerk and RFO), Danielle Heffernan (Assistant Clerk) members of the public were also present.

**1. The Chairman to open the meeting at 7:15 pm**

**2. To record any apologies for absence**

There were none.

**3. To receive any Declarations of Interest (Personal or Personal & Prejudicial) by Members**

There were none.

**4. Comments or questions from members of the public present relating to items on the Agenda**

A resident from Winchelsea spoke in relation to the previous Minutes of the Meeting and item 13 of the agenda. She asked what the Committee intend to do with the traffic calming going forward. The Chairman confirmed that traffic calming was not on the agenda this evening and that Full Council had decided that the project would not be moving forward as the results of the vote did not meet the number required.

The resident confirmed that the Winchelsea Residents' Association would like to invite Cllrs Chappell and Smedley to confirm what their plan is for taking the project forward.

The Chairman confirmed that as far as the Council is concerned, we have carried out our duties and there is no chance of moving the project forward.

Cllr Chappell confirmed that *the Council simply cannot ignore the wishes of 180 residents and that we need to continue to work with the community to try and find a solution to this problem.*

Cllr Smedley confirmed that the matter would have to be referred to Full Council.

**5. To approve the Minutes of the Open Spaces Meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

The Minutes were approved and signed.

**6. Grounds Maintenance Contract 2024**

To discuss whether the playgrounds and allotments are to be included in the grounds maintenance contract going forward.

**RESOLVED:** Assistant Clerk is to obtain costings for consideration at the budget meeting.

**7. Winchelsea Beach Bus Shelter**

To consider the attached Clerk's report and discuss consultation arrangements.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk is to arrange a drop in session at Winchelsea Beach Community Hall, an online survey and to put posters in the notice board, the co-op and the bus shelters. Clerk is to apply for East Sussex Highways match funding and Rother District Council community grant funding.

**8. To consider request from Rye Bay FC to use Icklesham Recreation Ground for U14 matches.**

The Clerk explained that Rye Bay FC have asked if they could use Icklesham Recreation Ground for their over 14 matches this season. They do not have any fixed dates yet however it will be a maximum of 6 to 8 matches all to be played on a Saturday morning. **RESOLVED:** this was agreed. Icklesham Casuals will be given priority.

**9. Recreation Ground User Agreement**

To consider request from Rye Bay FC to 'carry over' training sessions so they can hold training in the summer months for games paid for and played in winter months. **RESOLVED:** agreed.

**10. Repair to Rye Harbour Concrete Post Fence**

To consider quotes received from:-

- a) New Timber - £195 plus VAT
- b) T & J Fencing - £188 plus VAT

**RESOLVED:** the quote from T&J Fencing was approved.

**11. Tree at Icklesham Recreation Ground**

Oak Tree at Icklesham Recreation Ground is slightly overhanging on CCTV camera. Committee is asked to consider whether this should be cut back. **RESOLVED:** Cllr McConnochie is to cut this back.

**12. To review Assets Register**

**RESOLVED:** the assets register was approved.

**13. To consider email received from East Sussex County Council's Road Safety Team regarding school warning signs on Monks Walk in Winchelsea**

**RESOLVED:** The signs were approved. *The Clerk is to write to the Road Safety Team to also request that the speed limit, where the signs are located in Monks Walk, is reduced from the current 40 mph to 20mph in line with Government and East Sussex Highways' guidelines. The Clerk is to request similar warning signs in Friars Road.*

**14. Harbour Field Perimeter**

Committee is asked to consider whether the perimeter of Harbour Field is to be strimmed.

**RESOLVED:** this is to be done once/ twice per year.

**15. Multi Use Games Area**

To consider the attached Clerk's report detailing the types of equipment available and respective prices. Committee is asked to consider whether to recommend Full Council take this forward.

**RESOLVED:** it was agreed to suggest the installation of a sports wall to Full Council as a future project.

**16. Harbour Field Pavilion**

a) To consider quote received from Darren Kitteridge for fencing around cess pit on Harbour Field.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk is to approve quote provided it is within budget. Clerk is also to ask the football club if they would be prepared to share the cost of this.

b) To consider undertaking annual inspections of the pavilion.

**RESOLVED:** inspections to take place twice per year (beginning of April and end of September).

**17. Budget Considerations for 2024-25**

MUGA/ sports wall, Winchelsea Beach Bus Shelter, Harbour Field Playground perimeter fence, Jubilee Field Fence, Rye Harbour playground fence, general maintenance and memorial benches.

**18. Suggested Items for Future Agendas**

Nothing to report.

**19. Date & venue of next Open Spaces Meeting.**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023 7.15 pm at Winchelsea Court Hall.