

MINUTES OF THE LAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21ST
SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 7.30PM AT THE PAVILION, BUSH ROAD, CUXTON

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs Maisey
Cllr Mrs Porter
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Cllr Mrs Thorley
Cllr Mrs Hutchfield
Ian Gray
Robin Bourner
Mrs Daniela Baylis – Assistant Clerk

Item

1 Apologies

Cllr Sacre – Prior engagement

2 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Mrs Porter and Cllr Porter – item 5

3 Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th June 2017

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Porter and seconded by Cllr Mrs Hutchfield and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th June 2017 be signed as a true record.

4 Matters Arising Not Otherwise on the Agenda

There had been no response on the broken Big Lunch banner. Cllr Mrs Hutchfield was going to obtain a quotation for a new one from DPS Print.

5 Allotments

- a** 4 Plots had been issued with red letters following an inspection and of these 3 had been dealt with. There are still a few vacant plots. The Allotment Association are applying for a grant for £10,000 to create raised beds on one plot suitable for people with disabilities. It was agreed to put BACS details on all invoices to allotment holders.
- b** The Assistant Clerk and Robin Bourner had had a meeting with the a contractor and the Medway Council employee responsible for the implementation of the traffic light scheme to discuss the line of sight to the traffic lights. They require a 90m line of sight and needed to clear vegetation between the allotments and the crash barrier to improve visibility. This would necessitate the removal of the chestnut pale fence. Options would be provided to replace the fence with either

a hedge or another fence. The maintenance of any hedge would also be included in the plan. These would be sent as soon as quotes for both options had been obtained by Medway Council, so that a preferred option could be chosen.

6 Big Lunch

a Formation of an events Sub-committee

It was agreed that a working party would be formed.

b Christmas Tree Event

i It was agreed that 15th December would be the preferred date with the 18th and 11th as the second and third choices

CSRA would provide the mulled wine. Cllr Mrs Maisey would ask the co-op if they would donate some mince pies.

The Assistant Clerk would check how many cups were left and order more as needed.

Cllr Porter suggested crafts in the library and would investigate this.

The Assistant Clerk would look at the cost of a snow machine.

ii It was agreed to ask Cllr Fern for a donation towards the Christmas Tree from his ward fund.

The size of the tree was agreed at 18ft and the Assistant Clerk would order this. It was agreed to write to Brian Chitty about putting the lights on the tree.

iii Cllr Fearn was asking about obtaining a supply of electricity from the street light.

c Big Lunch

i The date was agreed as the 10th June 2018. Cllr Mrs Hutchfield would send the date out to all those on the email list as advance notification.

ii A budget of £1,500 was set.

Robin Bourner was going to ask Peter Burran's contact about a sound system. A budget of up to £300 was agreed for this.

It was agreed that the Assistant Clerk re-book Shooting Stars circus skills and the first aid cover for next year.

The Scouts had donated £60 and the Social Club £100.

It was agreed that the vegetarian food had been a great success and should be re-booked for next year.

7 Property

a Play Equipment

A new gate for the entrance to the play park was needed.

i Proludic had requested an open day to promote their new fitness app. It was agreed to invite them to the Big Lunch next year.

b Field

Bike Track

Robin Bourner was obtaining a quotation from a Kent Highways contractor. It was agreed that the bike track should be an item on future agendas.

c Pavilion

i There was going to be a pre-planning application meeting to look at the plans. This should be free for Parish Councils. Then change of use and planning permission can be applied for.

ii Aviva have new grants available.

Sports England would be worth applying to for the changing rooms and sports hall.

CSRA were having a meeting with Kent CAN to see about becoming a charity to widen the scope of grants that could be applied for,

iii 1 tender had been received out of 3 requests sent out so the Feasibility Study Grant could be applied for.

iv 68 surveys had been received. 3 were negative with the rest positive with some nice comments.

8 Woodland and Footpath Management

a Six Acre Wood

1 tree was leaning. Colin Cogger was going to remove this.

b Millennium Wood

The old man's beard was being contained to protect the trees.

c Footpaths

Tomlins Lane. A sign had been put up asking people to use the whole track and not just the right hand side to keep the path more open.

Ian Gray was talking to Medway Council about re-surfacing the footpaths, to six acre wood and also from Reginald Avenue to Pebble Lane.

9 Planters on Bush Road

Investigations were still on-going as to who owned them and who was responsible for their maintenance.

10 Update on Development Plans

Covered under item 7d

11 Bookings

No further bookings had been received.

12 Health and Safety

There was nothing to report.

13 Date of next meeting

Thursday 19th October 2017 in the Pavillion

14 Any other business

None

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10

Signed Chairman

On the day of 2017