

Tidmarsh Millennium Green Management Committee

Minutes of a meeting of Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council's Tidmarsh Millennium Green Management Committee, held on Wednesday 11th May 2022 at 7.30pm, in Tidmarsh Village Hall.

Present: Councillors Solvej Biddle (SB, chairman), Jon Chishick (JC), Sima Elliot (SE), Andrew Madden (AM), Jonathan Pearson (JP) and Steve Webb (SW).

Also present: Jennie Currie (Clerk), 0 members of the public.

MC22/025 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Colin Pawson (CP) and Mr John Haggarty (JH).

MC22/026 Declarations of interests

Councillor Webb declared an interest in item MC22/0XX as a dog owner.

MC22/027 Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13th April 2022

AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13th April 2022 were a true and accurate record and were signed by the chairman.

Councillor Pearson joined the meeting at 7.33pm.

MC22/028 Reports & Finance

i. Budget report

Members noted the budget report.

ii. Millennium Green checks

Members noted the report. At this stage no action would be taken regarding the ants on the orchard trees. Members requested that the Clerk contacts Mr Haggerty for a recommendation for a contractor to replace the post around the basket swing.

Clerk

iii. Maintenance programme

Members requested that the Clerk writes to Yattendon Estates to request a free Christmas tree of at least 12 feet.

Clerk

MC22/029 Planting

i. Resident's complaint regarding overhead cable being cut

Members discussed the complaint received and the response from the contractor. Members decided that no further action need be taken.

ii. Request to plant a memorial tree

Councillor Madden confirmed that the tree was in memory of Joan Bungay, who lived at Rickstools, Manor Farm Lane, from October 2006 until December 2020.

MC22/030 Infrastructure and Equipment

i. New fencing snagging list

The Clerk advised that the contractor had returned to the site and made some adjustments to the new fencing and installed the new bollards.

Councillor Pearson had circulated images of areas of the fencing that were not completed as expected, Members noted some of these items had been resolved.

Councillor Pearson questioned what specification and information had been given to the contractors. Councillor Pearson highlighted the construction method of the existing metal fencing.

Councillor Pearson drew attention to the lack of end and corner posts with finials. The corner section of the new fencing had been welded together at only one point. He questioned whether it was concreted in place.

The top rail runs through a hole in the upright although it is not clear whether it has been welded in place. The fence line is not perfectly straight and the top height varies.

There are a number of ugly welds on the fencing. Councillor Pearson believes that where the horizontal bars are welded against the gate post that they are not secure.

The gate does not match the photograph and Councillor Pearson believes he can remove the nuts on the hinge.

Councillor Pearson questioned why there was no bund on the east side of the gate. Councillor Chishick advised that the police had only suggested a bund on the west side. Councillor Chishick highlighted the bank along Tidmarsh Lane made it difficult for a vehicle to get up onto the Green, even if the fence had been cut.

Councillor Pearson strongly objects to the work undertaken and would struggle to justify the expenditure to a member of the public.

Councillor Pearson agreed to visit the site and create an up-to-date snagging list. He would notify others of the visit in advance.

JP

The Clerk advised that the invoice for the work had been received and therefore the snagging list needed to be submitted to the contractor in the next couple of weeks.

Councillor Pearson wanted to ensure that a similar situation did not arise again. The Clerk advised that the specification for the work had been brought to the meeting and that if further detail needed to be added to it then that should have taken place. The Clerk noted that there had been details missing from the original specification but these had only been questioned after the quotes had been received. Ideally future projects needed more input from Members at an early stage.

ii. Providing water and electricity

Members discussed the possibility of installing a water and electricity supply for use during events on the Green. As there had been a limited number of events on the Green in recent years Members felt that to start with bowzers and generators should be used until a demand was established.

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MC22/031 HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee event

The bring your own picnic event would be held on Saturday 4th June from 12.30pm. The banner had been put up on the fence along the A340 and a number of positive comments from residents had been received.

MC22/032 No dogs regulation

Members discussed the regulation and noted that they had not received any requests to allow dogs on the Green. As it is a fenced area containing play equipment and there are a number of public rights of ways which are very good for dog walking Members felt the no dog regulation should remain.

MC22/033 Promotion and fundraising

No promotion and fundraising matters were discussed.

MC22/034 Future agenda items

- Review Jubilee event and any ideas generated by feedback at the event.

MC22/035 Date of the next Management Committee meeting

AGREED that the Management Committee would meet at 7.30pm on Wednesday 13th July 2022 in Tidmarsh Village Hall.

Close of meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.38pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____