



Minutes of the Land Management Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 12th October 2023 at 7pm at Cuxton Library

Present: Cllr Porter (Chair), Cllr Chamberlain, Cllr Manning, Cllr Vye & Cllr White.

In attendance: Mr. Robin Bournier (CSRA & MVL), Mr. Ian Gray (CAA & CCG), Mr. Frans Thorley (Cuxton '91) & Mr. C. Jensen (Clerk).

There were no members of the public present.

56) Apologies for absence

Mr Cooksey – other commitment.

Mr Thorley arrived at 19:22 and apologised for his lateness.

It was resolved to accept the apology for lateness and for the absence.

57) Declarations of Interest (DPI, conflict of interest and personal interests) and alterations to the Register

Cllr Porter – Item 5b

Cllr Vye – Item 8

58) Minutes of the meeting held on 14th September 2023 - for approval

No amendments required. Cllr White proposed the minutes be accepted without amendment. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Chamberlain. All Councillors voted in favour of the proposal.

It was resolved to accept these minutes a true record of the meeting.

59) Matters Arising

Cllr Chamberlain requested a copy of the 6-Acre Wood management plan from Mr Gray, who confirmed he had already sent it by email. The clerk was asked to print a hard copy of the document and provide to the Councillor.

60) Recreation Ground:

a) Teenage Village – Painting of base & Playground fence – quotations to be considered

The clerk had provided an amended quotation to Councillors, as requested. Following discussion, Cllr Porter recommended all three quotations be presented to full Council with the preferred one from Medway Norse. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Manning. All Councillors voted in favour of this proposal.

The clerk to ensure this matter is placed on the agenda of the next full Council meeting, and all quotations to be provided to all Councillors.

b) Bike Track Surface update and consideration of quotation cost of bulb planting in vicinity of bike track

The clerk had provided the quotation received to Councillors. Following discussion, Cllr Manning proposed the quotation be recommended to be presented to full Council for consideration. Cllr White seconded this proposal. Four Councillors voted in favour of the proposal, with Cllr Porter abstaining, as she had already declared an interest in this item.

The clerk to ensure this matter is placed on the agenda of the next full Council meeting, and the quotation to be provided to all Councillors.

c) Roundel update – regarding recent inspection

The clerk provided an update to Councillors following the recent inspection visits made and confirmed the situation would be monitored for a further period. Cllr Manning asked who was undertaking the remedial work and the clerk advised he had asked Cuxton '91 if they would attend to this.

d) Discussion regarding provision of cableway in Recreation ground – quotations to be considered

The clerk had provided Councillors with three quotations to be considered. He again re-iterated residents in the vicinity should be canvassed for their opinions and also the Parish Council should contact Exolum to obtain their agreement to the project, should the Council proceed. Following discussion, Councillors felt it was difficult to make any recommendations at present as this was a major project and in light of this Cllr Porter suggested this matter be considered by full Council. The clerk was asked to provide the quotations to all Councillors so this matter could be discussed further at full Council. Mr Bournier advised he was willing to take Councillors to the nearest cableway in Wouldham, so they could view their facility.

e) Courts re-development

Cllr Porter advised as the Chairman and the chair of Finance did not attend the recent full Council meeting, this matter was not discussed but it would be included in the agenda of the next full Council meeting. Mr Thorley stated the Parish Council needed to decide what surface was preferred, should the re-development be considered. Following discussion, it was suggested an all-purpose surface for the use of all sports would be more advantageous. The clerk was asked to ensure this matter was added to the agenda for the next full Council meeting.

f) Consideration of request to purchase 16 bags of bark for use in Library Gardens and Memorial bench area site in Six Acre Wood

The clerk reminded Councillors at the previous Land Management Committee meeting in September, they had voted in favour of purchasing bark for the purpose as stated. It had since become known the Land Management Committee could not authorise such a purchase and was the reason this matter had been added for further consideration. Following discussion, Cllr Porter proposed at the next full Council meeting, Councillors consider the recommendation to purchase of 16 bags of bark as stated to a value of £192, as the clerk had confirmed the current price was £12 per bag. Cllr Vye seconded this proposal. All Councillors voted in favour of this proposal. The clerk was asked to ensure this matter was added as an agenda item to the next full Council meeting.

61) Report from Cuxton Sports and Recreation Association

Mr Bournier advised work was continuing in the library gardens and he had removed protruding metal from the pathway in Six-Acre Wood. Cllr Chamberlain advised of another piece of protruding metal and Mr Bournier said he would attend to this.

The clerk advised the mounted frog had been removed by person or persons unknown from its housing in the playground and was awaiting confirmation from the volunteers whether it could be re-attached.

62) Report from Medway Valley Line representative

Mr Bournier advised there was nothing to report although he advised he was still attempting to get agreement to undertake station improvements, in particular to the signage at the station.

63) Report from Cuxton Allotments Association representative

Mr Gray advised the CAA had recently issued their newsletter and had been notified some allotment holders had decided to relinquish their plots. Mr Gray confirmed however there was a healthy waiting list which should cover the plots that were no longer required.

64) Report from Cuxton Countryside Group

Mr Gray confirmed the 'Beating of the Bounds' was due to take place on Sunday 15th October and he was hoping for pleasant weather. Mr Gray confirmed the Heritage seat was starting to crack and advised Mr Hutchfield was going to be attending to the repair.

65) Report from Cuxton '91

Mr Thorley advised Cuxton '91 had applied to the KCFA for the year 5 grant monies to maintain the Recreation ground and School pitches and confirmed Cuxton '91's contribution was £12,000 over the 6 years. The club now has five men's and one women's team, which was a healthy situation and was against the current trend seen in adult football, men's in particular. Mr Thorley

confirmed the club would soon be spending the grant monies received from the Parish Council for improvements to the netting behind the goalmouths.

66) Steps behind Woodhurst Close - update

The clerk advised he had received no update from the Ward Councillors regarding the Parish Council's previous request for assistance. Cllr Chamberlain recommended the steps be re-instated. Cllr Porter advised confirmation was required from Ward Councillors they were unable to assist with Medway Council funds before the Parish Council could consider. Following discussion, Councillor Chamberlain proposed this matter be considered by full Council at the next available meeting. This proposal was seconded by Cllr White. All Councillors present voted in favour of this proposal. The clerk was asked to ensure this matter be added as an agenda item at the next full Council meeting.

67) Events

a) Christmas Tree Lighting event – update

The clerk advised he had sent a letter to the local Co-Op store to ask for donations of mince pies and apple juice as in previous years. A response was awaited. The Academy of Cuxton Schools had confirmed several pupils had agreed to sing at the event. This matter was due to be discussed further at the next full Council meeting, as the School had requested music and whether they could sing their own carols. Mr Gray advised that Mr Piers Gray was unable to assist with music and lights this year for the event. Mr Gray offered to provide computer support if Mr Bournier was willing to provide the music for the event.

b) Firework Celebrations – update

The clerk advised the music licence had been arranged and he confirmed, having contacted Medway Council, they had advised there was insufficient time to consider a one-way traffic system this year. Medway Council had proposed a meeting after this year's event to consider this situation for the 2024 event. The clearance of the bonfire was due to be discussed at the next full Council meeting, following the response received from the Parish Council's insurers.

c) Big Lunch 2024

The clerk confirmed the Big Lunch 2024 was scheduled to be held on Sunday 9th June. Mr Bournier advised he would start the process shortly of researching bands to play at the event.

d) 80th Anniversary D-Day celebrations, beacon lighting event

The clerk advised this event was scheduled for Thursday 6th June. Cllr Porter advised the steering group comprised of Cllr Manning and Mr Thorley. Mr

Bourner volunteered his services to join the steering group and the clerk advised he would send the documentation he had received to Mr Bourner for information.

68) Correspondence

None.

69) Information Exchange

None.

70) Members Future Agenda Items

Bike track

Playground and Teenage Village – update on painting

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:35pm.

Next Meeting To be confirmed.

Signed

Julie Porter

Chairman

On the

8th

day of

February

2024