

**DRAFT Minutes of a meeting of Maresfield Parish Council's Environment Committee held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Office, Nutley.**

**Present:** Cllr Mrs L Reeves (Chairman), Mrs P Handley, Cllr A. Strevens, Mrs L Stevens-Smith, Asst Clerk C Arnold.

1. Public session. No members of the public were present.
2. Apologies for absence. Cllr D Watson, Cllr R. Taylor.
3. Declarations of interest. None.
4. Appointment of a Vice-Chairman for the Committee. Cllr Mrs Reeves proposed Cllr Mrs Handley it was agreed unanimously.
5. Minutes of previous meeting – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017:-
  - 5.1 Adoption. Adopted.
  - 5.2 Matters arising from these minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda. None
6. Trees & Hedges. The Assistant Clerk reported that Cllr Watson had tried to find out the owner of a tree bough encroaching onto the pavement in High Street Nutley, matters are ongoing. Cllr Mrs Handley reported that she had received a report that the Cackle Street, B2026 junction had an overgrown hedge restricting vision. Action Visit to site required to establish owner and if obstruction caused. Cllr Mrs Stevens-Smith stated that the trees on School Hill are overgrown and may need attention.
7. Play Areas – inspections, maintenance & development: -
  - 7.1 Fords Green Play Area: - Cllr Mrs Reeves itemised the Wicksteed inspection list. There were recommendations for the slats on the slide, the pedestrian gate and positioning of solar lights. **Action** Asst Clerk to instruct Dan Tester to attend and repair as necessary.
  - 7.2 Maresfield Recreation Ground. Cllr Strevens reported that the old mesh fence will be put before Council to replace. He also mentioned that the play area is being locked in the evening following the destruction of the picnic table but there has been an incident when the Police were called to some young people to leave. The Assistant Clerk reported that the new signs have been ordered and will be replaced.
  - 7.3 Parklands Maresfield:- PPA maintenance. Cllr Mrs Reeves itemised the Wicksteed inspection list. There were recommendations for log removal, the pedestrian gate, goal nets and uneven slats. The Assistant Clerk reported that the logs have been removed and the surface made good and the whole area was strimmed. Action Assistant Clerk to ask Simon Young to attend to the gate and to slats.
    - 7.3.1 PPA development. Cllr Stevens-Smith reported that there are 2 items that are stored and awaiting installation. Also there are various items of hand-made swing ropes which need to be removed. The play area needs new equipment. It was agreed that the residents of Parklands should be asked via a questionnaire the items and age range of users of equipment they prefer. **Action** Asst Clerk to liaise with Cllr Stevens-Smith to arrange this.
    - 7.3.2 Cllr Reeves mentioned that fund raising could be effective for raising money for Parklands and that fund raising should be an additional question on the questionnaire.
  - 7.4 Fairwarp Village Green. Cllr Mrs Reeves itemised the Wicksteed inspection list. There were recommendations for a number of items of play equipment. **Action**

Report was passed to Di Bowley and John Manthorpe at Fairwarp and if they need further assistance with repairs and maintenance they can contact the Parish Office.

**8. Civil Emergency matters: -**

**8.1** New Community Resilience Plan – progress report. The Asst Clerk reported that the questionnaire has been completed by the Clerk and that there are some items that need fine tuning.

**9.** Footpaths. Cllr Strevens noted that the hedges along Straight Half Mile were reported to Cllr Galley who agreed that this should be reported to ESCC highways.

**10.** Roads & Pavements. Cllr Strevens reported that there appears to be an increase on vehicles parking on the grass verges in Batts Bridge Road.

**11.** Items for inclusion on the agenda for the next ESCC SLR meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

- Finger post Old forge Lane
- Batts Bridge Road, Straight Half Mile at junction with the B2026' road surface
- Lampool roundabout missing signs

**12.** Preserving the red telephone box outside the Whitewood Stores Nutley.

The Assistant Clerk reported that there are now 2 quotes to refurbish the telephone box. Enquiries were made about Volunteers completing this but there are a significant number of H & S issues. **Action** Options and recommendations to be presented at next Full council meeting.

**13.** Communications items. None

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017

*There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:40*