

**DRAFT Minutes of a meeting of Maresfield Parish Council's Environment Committee held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Office, Nutley.**

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

1. Public session – No members of the public were present.
2. Apologies for absence - Cllr R Taylor, Cllr Mrs P Handley, Cllr D Watson
3. Declarations of interest - None.
4. Minutes of previous meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017:-
  - 4.1 Adoption – It was resolved to adopt the minutes as a true record.
  - 4.2 Matters arising from these minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda –The Asst Clerk reported that the shelving was due to be fitted in the Telephone box High Street Nutley.
5. Trees & Hedges CA reported that an overgrown hedge in Straight Half Mile Maresfield belonging to The Lodge Maresfield Park. An advisory letter was delivered to the address but no action has been taken. Further attempts were made to contact the owners. The previous managing agents have changed. ESCC Highways will be notified requesting they cut the hedge.
6. Play Areas – inspections, maintenance & development: -
  - 6.1 Fords Green Play Area – LR noted the Wicksteed report and asked that Dan Tester repairs both springer horses for timber decay and repair or replace as necessary and repairs or adjusts on the pedestrian gates as dogs appear to be entering the play area and it was asked if he can carry out the repair the holes in the roundabout safety surface.
  - 6.2 Maresfield Recreation Ground –  
LR noted the Wicksteed report and asked that the damaged seat harness is replaced and that the operators sign is replaced and that the seat erosion is examined and the erosion at the gate. Asst Clerk to request a quote from Simon Young.
  - 6.3 Parklands Maresfield:-
    - 6.3.1 PPA maintenance – LR noted the Wicksteed report and WDC have agreed to repair the loose fence. The hydraulic arm requires adjustment or replacing on the gate. LS-S stated that she had removed the rope, the goal nets will be replaced weather permitting. The wooden slats were discussed and they will be removed and re-filled. CA reported that WDC housing were asked to repair their fence at 49 parklands in November 2017. It has not been done, LS-S stated the house may be unoccupied, a further request was made. In the interim Hazard tape will be purchased to alert park users to a potential hazard. LR asked that Simon Young deal with these matters.
    - 6.3.2 PPA development – LS-S stated that there had been no one has come forward to assist. However, there were funds available in the Residents association fund.

- 6.4 Fairwarp Village Green – LR noted the Wicksteed report and stated that the Fairwarp play area is managed locally.
7. Civil Emergency matters – The Asst. Clerk reported that the power unit needed to start up the generator needed a new 12v battery, the cost for a replacement is £76. Cllr Strevens asked if a cheaper version could be found. The Asst Clerk stated he would find out. It was agreed that if a cheaper alternative was not suitable then this purchase could go ahead. The Community Resilience on-line questionnaire still had only 13 responses from members of the community. Cllr Mrs Reeves asked if it could be reiterated in the Parish magazines. Cllr Stevens-Smith suggested that a register could be taken to the Village fetes inviting people to sign up with any skills or equipment they could offer in the event of a major incident or emergency.
8. Footpaths – No specific items to report
9. Roads & Pavements – AS reported that he had noticed a blocked drain in Straight Half Mile opposite the Tyre Centre
10. Communications items – None
11. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

*There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:30*