

**Minutes of a meeting of Maresfield Parish Council's Environment Committee held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Office, Nutley.**

**Present:** Cllr Mrs L Reeves (Chairman), Cllr D Watson, Mrs P Handley, Asst. Clerk C Arnold.

1. Public session. No members of the public were present.
2. Apologies for absence. Cllr A. Strevens, Cllr R. Taylor.
3. Declarations of interest. Cllr Mrs L. Stevens-Smith as volunteer for Parklands Play area
4. Minutes of previous meeting – 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016:-
  - 4.1 Adoption. Adopted.
  - 4.2 Matters arising from these minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda.

Cllr Mrs Reeves asked that item 6.2 relating to the swing seats for the play areas is carried over to the next meeting.
5. Trees & Hedges. No issues to note
6. Play Areas – inspections, maintenance & development: -
  - 6.1 Fords Green Play Area: - Cllr Mrs Reeves itemised the Wicksteed inspection list. There were recommendations for the 2 springer horses and the pedestrian gate. **Action** Asst Clerk to look at these and determine whether they need immediate repair and arrange for this as necessary.
  - 6.2 Maresfield Recreation Ground. No issues to note.
  - 6.3 Parklands Maresfield:- PPA maintenance. Cllr Mrs Reeves itemised the Wicksteed inspection list. There were recommendations for log removal, the pedestrian gate and the vehicle gate. Cllr Mrs Stevens-Smith noted that a lock has been put on the vehicle gate and this has prevented dogs from entering the play area. **Action** Asst Clerk to look at the pedestrian gate and log balustrade and determine whether they need immediate repair and arrange for this as necessary.
    - 6.3.1 PPA development. Cllr Stevens-Smith reported that there are 2 items that are stored and awaiting installation, they were removed from MRG. 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.
  - 6.4 Fairwarp Village Green. Cllr Mrs Reeves itemised the Wicksteed inspection list. There were recommendations for the Logworld swing and the Rota-Rider. **Action** Asst Clerk to look at these and determine whether they need immediate repair and arrange for this as necessary.
7. Civil Emergency matters: -
  - 7.1 New Community Resilience Plan – progress report. The Asst Clerk reported that the questionnaire has been completed by the Clerk and that this would be circulated in the spring. The advantage of this version is that in the event of an emergency persons with equipment or skills are immediately searchable on the database.
8. Matters arising from the ESCC SLR meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017. The Asst Clerk reported that the new Customer Service Manager for ESCC Highways Liam Reilly is dealing with the actions raised, including pot-holes Straight Half Mile,

Lampool roundabout damaged sign, Fingerpost resetting B2026 and Millbrook Hill water run-off.

9. Footpaths. No issues of note.
10. Roads & Pavements. Cllr Watson reported that following a complaint from an elderly resident about an uneven area of pavement in Nutley High Street, the mud causing the issue was cleared away making it much safer for pedestrians and wheelchair users.
11. Mapping of ESCC & WDC estate ownership within the Parish. This was discussed and it was accepted that a database would need to be created to encompass this information, which could be costly and time-consuming. However, it was agreed that ESCC and WDC do have a complete record of their assets which they will provide if contacted. It was agreed that this item can now be removed from the agenda.
12. Preserving the red telephone box outside the Whitewood Stores Nutley. Cllr Watson noted that the telephone box could be refurbished or sold. However, he stated that it could be painted and repaired and used as a defibrillator post or a book exchange, but this should be done properly. He noted that we should get quotes for this for full council to consider. **Action** Asst Clerk to find out the cost of full refurbishment or repainting and repair.
13. Report following the Great British Spring Clean (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> March).  
Cllr Mrs Handley reported that the Fairwarp group picked up numerous bags of rubbish including various car parts along the B2026. Cllr Watson reported that the Nutley volunteers also collected various items around the village. The Asst Clerk reported that the Sheila Cumming from Maresfield Conservation Group co-ordinated the clean-up in Maresfield. All bags have been collected by WDC. Cllr Mrs Reeves thanked all those volunteers for their efforts across the Parish.
14. Communications items. Cllr Mrs Reeves raised the future of the Environment Committee. Cllr Watson stated that if it went, it would have to be discussed at full council which is not viable. Cllr Mrs Stevens-Smith believed the Committee was necessary. Cllr Mrs Handley noted that it only occurs every 3 months and that she supported it. Cllr Mrs Reeves stated that it should be retained with 4 meetings per year.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017

*There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:33*