

# HILDENBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

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**Meeting of the Open Spaces Committee to be held on Wednesday 5 July 2017 to meet at  
West Wood Play Area at 7.30pm**

## MINUTES

**PRESENT** Mr M Baker, Chairman Mr D Haugh Mr C Lewis  
Mr M Nairne

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mrs L Flower (Hildenborough Conservation Group)  
Mr P Flower (Hildenborough Conservation Group)  
Mr Andrew Goodwin (Live Biking Ltd)  
Mrs P Gow (Clerk)  
Mr P Richardson (caretaker)

**APOLOGIES:** Mrs C Baker Mrs L Homewood Miss C Sheldon

### 1. Minutes of Meeting held on 3 May 2017

These were agreed as a true record

### 2. Matters Arising

4. The rowan tree for the Village Green has been ordered and will be planted on 5 December

5.6 Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council have installed a litter bin in the new play area and are going to inspect the broken bin by the tennis courts.

6.2 An order has been placed for the extension to the wet pour in West Wood and this is to be installed starting 18 September.

### 3. Caretaker report

Mr Richardson reported that the following had been completed:

Complete refurbishment of the Pavilion kitchen and carpet in other areas.

The deep clean was not carried out satisfactorily (the clerk had complained and the company had returned and to complete the work).

The hedge had been cut back at the entrance to the Recreation Ground

The basket swing, reported as being loose, had been inspected and found to be in order

The extra work surface, requested by the Cricket Club had been installed in the Pavilion

The Rowan tree was reported to be in good health following being blown down in a recent gale

The tree on the corner of Half Moon Lane and Mount Pleasant had been cut back

The new seat had been installed in the new play area and a hard surface provided in front of it and the existing seat

Outstanding items included:

Trimming back of the hedge the Mount Pleasant side of the entrance to the Recreation Ground

Contacting the engineer to help repair the roundabout

It was agreed to weed around the rowan tree on the Village Green and apply mulch to retain moisture

Repairs to the wet pour in the old play area of the Recreation Ground would be held over until the roundabout had been repaired and the Annual Safety Inspection had been carried out.

Mr Richardson was thanked for his work.

#### **4. West Wood:**

##### **4.1 Proposals for cycle path**

Mr Goodwin explained the cycle path would be for younger children to use as older young people would want something more challenging such as Bedgebury. He said he would like it to be available for instructor led sessions of approximately 10 children as well as freely available to cyclists. The aim was to get children proficient, to enjoy and become confident cyclists.

**DECISION and ACTION:** Following discussion with Hildenborough Conservation members and Open Space members it was agreed that Mr Goodwin would look at an area from the boundary with the Medical Centre towards Stocks Green Road and put forward proposals for a cycle way in the shape of an eight. He would present these in time for the Parish Council meeting on 19 July. If this area was found to be unsuitable he would inform the Council.

##### **4.1 Flood Alleviation Scheme**

**DECISION and ACTION:** Following discussion on the best way to provide a FAS in West Wood it was agreed that invasive digging of bunds would not be a good idea but it was thought that moving the lower pathways 5-10metres in towards the woodland and some type of flood management scheme on the streams feeding the pond would be the best options so far as the Conservation Group were concerned. The clerk would contact Louise Smith of KCC to seek a meeting with her to discuss the possibility.

#### **5. Management of the Village Green**

##### **5.1 Mowing**

The clerk is in contact with Estate & Field Management Ltd. and is awaiting a date for a meeting with them to discuss a mowing schedule.

**5.2 Seat**

It was agreed to discuss this further at a later date.

**6. Recreation Ground**

**6.1. Roundabout repairs**

See 3. Above

**6.2 Play Area**

A date for the installation of the artificial grass is still awaited.

**6.3 Pavilion**

Members agreed the refurbishment in the Pavilion had resulted in a much improved facility for users.

**7. Any Other Business**

There was none.