

## Harting Parish Council

### Meeting of the Play and Open Spaces Advisory Committee (POSAC) 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016

**Present:**

**POSAC members**

Hugo Stuttford, Chair (HS)  
Andrew Shaxson (AS)  
Tim Bonner (TB)  
Sheila Bramley (SB)  
Sunny Dawson (SD)  
Daphne Gammon (DG)  
Bevis Gladwin (BG)

**Public:**

Wayne Fordham Stedham Fishing Club  
James Claydon  
Donna Prior

Apologies: David Barnard (DB)

1. There were no declarations of interest.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
3. Ponds at South Gardens

HS had approached Stedham Fishing Club to explore the possibility of their managing the ponds. Wayne outlined the history and activities of the club, which currently manages various stretches of the Rother and Heyshott Pond, which is owned by the Cowdray estate. He has visited the two ponds owned by HPC and is prepared to make proposals to his committee to take on management of the ponds in return for access for members of the Stedham club on the basis of a lease from HPC to the club. Details such as vehicular access for maintenance work, how to dispose of waste, terms of membership for Harting parishioners etc will need to be discussed so that proposals can be put to HPC and to the Stedham club committee. James, who has already invested significant time and effort in working on the ponds, was proposed, seconded and co-opted as a member of POSAC, and it was agreed that a subcommittee should be formed consisting of HS, TB, SD and James to take discussions forward.

- **The sub-committee to meet representatives of the Stedham Fishing Club with a view to producing proposals for consideration at the November meeting of HPC**

SD offered to contact the SDNP to ascertain what assistance might be forthcoming as regards the restoration of the ponds.

4. Tree wardens/ Ash dieback/ Dangerous trees

It had been suggested that the tree wardens be asked to begin compiling an audit of the trees on parish land with a view to identifying potential problems. It was agreed that professional (mentoring) assistance would be required and proposals were made to seek quotes for such assistance to spend a day with the tree wardens inspecting the land. It was agreed that this exercise would initially target those trees that posed an enhanced health and safety risk due to their proximity to public highways and footpaths.

- **HS to seek quotes from 2 contacts. SB to approach Esmond Turner who has assisted in the past.**

5. Paths to South Gardens and the Scout Hut

It is understood that the Free School and the Scouts have proposals for funding this work.

- **HS to draft a communication to Alan Briant to find out what they propose.**

6. Furze Meadow update

AS, SB and DG has met representatives from Hyde. It was agreed that Hyde would prepare an undertaking that the playground would be in place for at least the next 10 years, to be signed by their Company Secretary. This would enable the s106 money to be used for the play equipment as planned. Further discussion on responsibility for ongoing maintenance was postponed, pending receipt of the undertaking, which was promised by October 10<sup>th</sup>. Meanwhile, AS has removed the swing seats.

7. Play equipment update

Some high risks remain, including a trip risk relating to the edgings of the surfaces in Furze Meadow. A boulder has been moved in South Gardens, and a review of the reports on South Gardens is needed. DG reported that there was no equipment in the highest public risk category

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8. Next Meeting

- **HS to circulate dates**