

HARTING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of **Play and Open Spaces Advisory Committee (POSAC)** held on **Monday 1 March 2021** at **6.00 pm**.

The meeting was held via Zoom video link in accordance with the Coronavirus Act 2020

Present: Mr Shaxson (Chair) (AS), Mrs Bramley (SBr), Mrs Bull (SB), Mrs Curran (PC), Mrs Dawson (SD), Mr Palmer (AP).

In attendance: Mrs Walker (Parish Clerk) (TW).

1. Apologies for absence: Mr Claydon (JC) and Mr Bonner (TB).

2. Declarations of interest: None.

3. Minutes from Meeting held on 11 January 2021

The minutes were approved and will be signed by the Chairman as a true record when the coronavirus restrictions allow.

4. Matters arising:

The fencing around the play area at Furze Meadow is still in need of repair, the clerk is contacting Hyde each month to check the progress.

The carp in the pond are more evident as the temperatures rise.

The footpath through the Warren is improving and some of the flints are reappearing.

5. Woodland update

The contractor planting is due to start on 7 March 2021, this has been delayed by a few weeks due to the period of cold weather in February which delayed the contractor on their previous job.

It was noted that there will be a need to appoint some new tree wardens in the future. This is to ensure the woodland is checked on a regular basis for any potential problems, and to keep an eye on the newly planted saplings. It was thought that a term of 2-3 years might be good as people would not feel it was long

6. Gates to secure South Gardens and the Warren

AS confirmed still having trouble getting quotes for their installation , although there has been some contact from Hennessey's and a local landowner has provided information about a contractor who recently fitted some barrier gates for him.

It is hoped this will progress further in the next few weeks and a proposal will be brought to the next POSAC meeting.

7. Play Area Inspection

The clerk had received quotes from three contractors for the annual inspection of the play areas at South Gardens and the War Memorial Playing Fields (WMPF). The members agreed that the quote from PlaySafely was better value for money and would

enable the Council to benefit from a discounted price by falling into an annual inspection regime carried out by the contractors on a county to county basis.

The cost for the two play areas is £165.00.

The clerk and Council Chair will authorise this in line with section 4.1 of the Financial Regulation's and then report to the March Council meeting.

This will ensure the Council are included in the Hampshire inspection regime which is due to take place in May or June.

8. Signage for South Gardens

SBr and SB presented a potential design for the new signage. The following amendments were agreed:

- Barbecues to read BBQ's
- 'and onto' to change to 'up to'
- 'community of Harting' to change to 'Harting Parish'

Paul Martin (PM) has kindly agreed to pull together some designs for the new sign, it is hoped he will be able to provide some advice on the best size.

SB will alter the wording on the initial design, PC will liaise with PM regarding the design. It is hoped that an example and costings will be available for the next POSAC meeting.

9. Items for future meetings

- i. Working parties – once Covid restrictions allow
- ii. Gates
- iii. South Garden signage

10. Any other business

It was noted that an email had been received from a local student studying a Diploma in Garden design who had been given a project to hypothetically redesign South Gardens. She had requested sight of any surveys that had been carried out. The clerk will keep in contact with her, as the results of the project may be interesting.

11. Dates of next meeting

The next meeting will be arranged by the clerk once further information is available for the gates and the signage.

The meeting closed at 6.47pm