



EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Fishponds Committee at 7.30pm
on Tuesday 13 June 2017

MINUTES

Present: Mr Richard Andrews, Ms Jane Baldwin, Mr Gordon Beach, Mr Andrew Bickley, Ms Sue Brown, Mr Peter Emery and Ms Sue Osborne.

17/F70 To elect a Committee Chairman for 2017/18 – Cllr Osborne was elected as Chairman for the Council year 2017/18.

17/F71 Apologies for absence – None.

17/F72 Declarations of Interest – None.

17/F73 To review the minutes of the last meeting of the 10 January 2017 – The minutes were reviewed and Cllr Emery's apologies for absence noted for inclusion.

17/F74 Public Participation – No members of the public were present.

17/F75 To review income, expenditure against budget – Financial information was reviewed. Cllr Baldwin arrived at the meeting.

17/F76 To discuss the work schedule for 2017/2018 (2016/2017 schedule attached), review UBICO's role and consider adding maintenance of the wildflower meadow to the schedule – An amendment to the check sheet is required to include monitoring of dog bin emptying. It was noted that the check sheet will inform future actions to be included on the work schedule. It was felt that Ubico is not maintaining the area regularly or effectively. A meeting is to be arranged with David Austin, Ubico to review the maintenance schedule, mark where the wildflower area is and consider cutting stinging nettles/removing arisings. Clerk is to request that Dave Austin advise when village grass cutting is being undertaken.

To consider the following repairs:-

17/F77 Ad hoc work which may need doing on site (e.g. two broken branches reported on 6.6.16 which are blocking the boardwalk) – Adhoc maintenance work by residents was noted. Clerk is to check the Council's insurance policy regarding cover for volunteers.

17/F78 Footbridge/boardwalk at the foot of the wheelchair ramp (a couple of planks are damaged, some of the boardwalk supports seem to have sunk and the uprights supporting the handrails are wobbly) – Deferred to the next meeting pending clarification of volunteer or Ubico's assistance.

17/F79 To discuss the treatment of duckweed on the pond – It was resolved to leave treatment of the duckweed until the winter and plant marginal plants in the meantime.

17/F80 To discuss the need/replacements for the flotation devices – It was noted that there are 2 flotation devices are in situ. It was resolved to request RoSPA undertake a health and safety inspection whilst they are inspecting the village play areas in July. Clerk is also to forward the Risk Assessment to RoSPA for their recommendations.

17/F81 To discuss the possibility of undertaking some dry stone walling this Summer – Training and wall repairs will be undertaken by Tim Jordan depending on his availability.

17/F82 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 17 October at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm