HARWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Lands Committee of Harwell Parish Council, Tuesday 24th September 2024 at 8:00pm
At Harwell Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Pearson, Cllr Hawthorne, Cllr Bajre, Cllr Hughes, Cllr Luper
Clerk: Hannah Champ
Finance Officer: Hannah Champ
Members of the Public (MoP): At least 1
MOP1 – Attended to discuss agenda item 10 regarding composting area at allotments. MOP1 believes the new composting area will remove a plot for people who are currently on the waiting list especially when there are so many people on the waiting list. Allotment holders have compost areas on their plots which seems people don't need the proposed composting area. Concerns over rubbish being dumped in the area and who will be responsible for vermin and dealing with any dumped rubbish.

159/24	**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** None
160/24	**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Cllr Hawthorne agenda item 10. Cllrs Hughes and Luper agenda item 9
161/24	**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23rd July 2024** The minutes were reviewed and approved and duly signed.
162/24	**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA** Clerk to check on the Wantage Road gate and how it came to be unlocked for cars to park on the recreation ground.
163/24	**TO CONSIDER HARWELL BOWLS CLUB'S APPLICATION FOR A PROPOSED SHED EXTENSION**. Clerk to reach out to the Bowls club for a more detailed location plan of the whole Bowls Club area and understand where exactly the shed needs to be.
164/24	**UPDATE ON REPAIR OF DOOR TO STORAGE ROOM AT BACK OF PAVILION.** Clerk to check with scout leader on an update. If no movement, clerk to obtain quote for the repair.
165/24	**TO REVIEW AND AGREE A QUOTE FOR A GATE/STILE AT READING ROAD.** Unanimously voted to remove stile and replace with gate. Clerk to reach out to contractors to get full spec of the gate proposed and integrity of the timber. Clerk to revie and send out specs to councillors to agree.
166/24	**TO REVIEW PLAYGROUND INSPECTION AND REPAIRS REPORT FROM AVA RECREATION.** Thia was reviewed. They are due to return for another full inspection and further repairs in December. Clerk to check on how much bark is needed to fill low areas under equipment.
167/24	**TO AGREE FOR ALLEYWAY BEHIND HOUSES ON LODER ROAD TO BE CLOSED FOR ONE DAY TO REPLACE HEDGE WITH CLOSE-PANNELLED FENCING.** This was agreed. Clerk to check on right of way closures.
168/24	**TO NOTE TENNIS CLUBS INTENTION TO USE PORTABLE CLOOD LIGHTING IN WINTER MONTHS BETWEEN THE TIMES OF 17:30 AND 20:00.** This was noted.
169/24	**TO CONSIDER A COMMUNAL SHED AND COMSPOTING AREA AT THE ALLOTMENTS AND A STORAGE SHED FOR MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT AT THE CEMETERY** The are at the allotments is purely for composting and the use of shared tools. Clerk to check on liability for the shed and how the process works. Who will maintain the area, where the tools will come from and what tools will be available. Cllr Pearson proposed the composting area go ahead without the shed for now for trial period of 12 months with a review at 6 months. Seconded by Cllr Hughes and unanimously voted. The allotment shed is to be put on hold for the time being until more information has been gathered. The storage shed for the cemetery was unanimously agreed that it was not necessary at this time. Clerk to check on how equipment is currently being stored.

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170/24	**TO AGREE TO DOWNGRADE HARCOG SUB-COMMITTEE TO A WORKING GROUP.** It was agreed for Cllr Hughes to attend the next meeting to gain further information and report back at the next Lands meeting.
171/24	**UPDATE ON WATER LEAK AT RECREATION GROUND CAR PARK.** Clerk has been trying to get in contact with Thames Water to find out exactly where the leak is located. Currently no response. Clerk to reach out to insurance company to get the ball rolling on a repair.
172/24	**TO CONSIDER INSTALLING DROP DOWN EMERGENCY BOLLARD AND LOCK TO ENABLE EMERGENCY SERVICES TO GAIN ACCESS TO RECREATION GROUND.** Clerk to get quotes and bring to next meeting. Potential to add emergency lock to Wantage Road Gate. Clerk to investigate.
173/24	**CONFIRM THE DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING** 22nd October 2024 @ 20:00

The meeting closed at 21:43

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