

Slinfold Parish Council

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Minutes of the Slinfold Parish Council Recreation and Environment Committee Meeting 8th April 2024

1. Public Forum

No members of the public wished to speak.

2. Attendance and apologies for absence

In attendance: Councillors Slipper (Chair), Sherwin-Smith and Walker **Apologies** from Councillors Casdagli and Roberts which the Committee **RESOLVED** to accept.

Also in attendance: Mike Simpson (Clerk) and Environment Officer Tony Burroughs

3. Declaration of Interests and notification of change to members' interests

There were none

4. Terms of reference

To review the terms of reference

This item was deferred so the Council can consider any changes first.

5. Minutes

To review and approve the minutes from the meeting on 16th January 2024 Councillors RESOLVED to approve the minutes from the previous meeting on 16th January as a true and accurate record.

6. Play areas and open spaces.

(i)To consider companies to carry out the playground inspections. Councillors discussed quotes from three inspection companies and **RESOLVED** to approve ROSPA for £188 (exc VAT).

(ii) To receive any reports from the Environment Officers

The old awning from the shop had been removed and fences at KGV had been painted. A discussion ensued about whether a new bin could be placed near junction of Spring Lane, Tannery Close and Park St, for which the Parish Council would be responsible for emptying. The Clerk said he would check with WSCC and add it to the agenda of the next Council meeting. The Chair advised that Tim Harrison wished to step down from his official role as Environment Officer but would continue helping as a volunteer when he could.

(iii) To discuss the new entrance to KGV from Mitchell Gardens

The Chair said there had been a request from residents living near to the Mitchell Gardens entrance of KGV whether they could use it as access to the park. Traditionally, access is for emergency only with a code and Councillors were unsure if there was anything in writing to prevent it being used by residents. The Clerk said he would search for any agreements at the office and report back to the next meeting. Councillors also wished for an item to be added to the next agenda about erecting a sign from Hayes Lane to KGV as many residents were unsure of the location.

7. Events

(i)To receive an update on village day 2024

The Chair advised a lot had been organised already and a candy floss machine had been acquired. There was someone to run the Children's Corner but someone qualified in first aid was still required and it was suggested that St John's Ambulance and the Scouts were contacted.

8. Cherrytree Farm

- (i)To receive an update from the Cherrytree Committee
- (ii) To discuss future maintenance of the football club

These items were deferred until after the Cherrytree Committee meeting.

9. Slinfold Stores

To receive an update

The Clerk advised there had been some confusion over the order of the new awning. Councillors agreed that the original decision was to replace like for like and that a mechanical one should be ordered instead of a motorized.