



Slinfold Parish Council

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Minutes of the Recreation, Youth and Environment Committee Meeting 13th January 2025

Councillors **RESOLVED** to elect Councillor Casdagli as Chair for the meeting.

1. **Public Forum**

There were no members of the public present.

2. **Attendance and apologies for absence**

In attendance: Councillors Casdagli, Sherwin-Smith and Walker.

Apologies: Councillor Slipper (Chair) which Councillors **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. **Minutes**

To review and approve the minutes from the meeting on 8th April 2024

Councillors **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record.

5. **Environment Officers**

To receive an update

Drainage ditches had been cleared, including Six Acres, and litter regularly collected. One of the houses in Six Acres was still leaving waste on the footpath and recommended writing again to remove it.

6. **Grounds and buildings**

(i) **To receive an update on the Council's playgrounds**

There were no major issues, a bench at KGV had been replaced and fixed to the ground and some of the others needed small repairs.

(ii) **To discuss a new location for the litter bin near Spring Lane**

Councillors **RESOLVED** to place the bin by the pedestrian entrance to Springwood.

(iii) **To discuss the maintenance of drainage ditches in the parish**

The Council had agreed a plan at the last Council meeting which included dredging the Cherrytree ditch in Spring, regular clearance in the winter months and writing to residents to remind them of riparian duties. Councillors considered a resident request for an Early Warning System at Cherrytree to detect when the water levels got to a certain level. Councillors agreed that resources should be focused on mitigating any flooding by clearing and dredging the ditch whereupon they **RESOLVED** not to purchase an Early Warning System but granted permission for the residents to install one if they wished to purchase it. Councillors also **AGREED** to place a notice in the magazine asking whether residents were interested in forming a flood action group for Hayes Lane.

(iv) **To discuss the Council's noticeboards**

Councillors considered placing dampers on the noticeboards following a resident request. Councillors could not see how the addition would help make the noticeboards safer to use but agreed to look into some gel patches to reduce condensation.