Slinfold Parish Council

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Minutes of the Recreation, Youth, Environment, Highways and Byways Committee Meeting 12th November 2026

1. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

To receive any apologies

In attendance: Councillors Casdagli, Sherwin Smith, Slipper, Snow, Walker and Waples.

Apologies: Councillor Roberts which it was **RESOLVED** to approve.

Also in attendance: Mike Simpson (Clerk) and one member of the public.

2. Declarations of Interest

To receive any declarations of interests from Councillors regarding items on the agenda

There were none.

3. Minutes from the previous meeting

To review and approve the minutes from the last meeting held on 10th September 2026

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

4. Public Session

To receive any comments (for up to 5 minutes) from members of the public regarding an item on the agenda

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

5. Grounds Maintenance

(i) To receive an update on works to Six Acres and KGV playgrounds following the ROSPA inspection

Repair works identified from the ROSPA inspections, and which had been agreed to carry out at the last meeting, had been completed.

(ii) To discuss playground inspections going forward and other work of the Environment Officers

Since the resignation of one Environment Officer, who carried out weekly playground inspections, the Clerk had posted on Facebook requesting volunteers to help with them going forward, to which two residents had responded. Other options included the Council's other Environment Officer, if they had the time, or Carl Osborne, the Council's grounds maintenance contractor. It was agreed to have a meeting with the Environment Officers to discuss workload going forward and whether additional help was required for inspections.

(iii) To consider any quotes for the MUGA and footpath at KGV

The Clerk had received another quote from Infinity Playgrounds which comprised £1,057.60 for repairing the cracks to the MUGA and £2788.80 for repairing cracks to the footpath. They had also quoted for resurfacing the whole of the footpath which was £8,440. The material was conipave with a coloured stone fleck finish. The other quote from Tidey and Webb was £7,195 for crack repair with tarmac. After discussion, Councillors agreed that the Infinity option provided the best repair and value and would recommend this option at the next Council meeting.

(iv) To discuss the grounds maintenance schedule

Maintenance was generally in keeping with the schedule. Additional ditch clearance at Cherrytree in January and February was agreed as well as maintenance outside of the balancing pond. Extra grass cuts in the village on top of WSCC were to be agreed with the Council beforehand. However, budgeting for two per annum was agreed.

(v) To discuss grounds maintenance at Cherrytree

This was discussed under the previous item.

(vi) To discuss any other issues

Several issues were raised which had been previously reported to WSCC and not actioned. It was agreed that if all details were sent to the Clerk, he would contact WSCC.

6. Youth Services

To receive an update and discuss tendering for services

Numbers had increased since the end of Friday cricket and younger children were being welcomed. Tendering for the service was discussed as it had not been done for some years. However, the last time it was tendered it was very difficult to find any providers, so it was agreed not to start the process for now.

7. Highways and Byways

(i) To discuss any issues that need reporting to WSCC Highways

This had already been discussed but it was agreed to invite the WSCC Area Highways Manager to the next Council Meeting.

(ii) To receive an update from Community Speedwatch

48 cars had been caught speeding in the village during the last session. The police would be attending the next session at which they would receive a new speed gun. The group would like to monitor Hayes Lane but there was nowhere to stand safely. They would also like to increase the number of sessions but required more volunteers.

8. Next meeting date

18th March 2027.