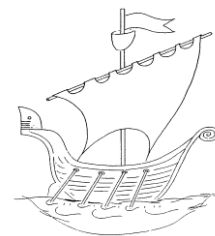


# Whitchurch on Thames Village Green Committee



## Minutes of Meeting Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2013 Village Hall 8pm

Present: Councillor K. Brooks, Chairman, Cllr. H. Ainley, David Mattimoe, Jenny Welham (Parish Clerk)

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Steve Rogers, Adrian Dixon, Maureen Stovell, Alistair Aitchinson.

### **2. Approve minutes of Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> January 2013**

Approved.

### **3. Car Park & Planting – update.**

The car park is finished, the gate is erected and all the fencing has been done.

The car park will be redressed with top soil and grass seeded once Swallow finish their external works, this is normal as the initial dressing settles and some areas of grass do not grow as well as others.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> planting weekend is planned for 23<sup>rd</sup> March organised by Sally, to finish the hedge and tree planting.

Cllr. Brooks is getting a quote for the installation of the benches.

The siting of the benches and final trees will be finalised on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March with Cllr. Brooks and Sally.

David suggested that the gaps either side of the gate allow people to gain access on bikes etc and requested that fencing is put either side to join the other fencing. The hedge plants will be planted here but could be behind a fence. The Clerk requested that the Cricket Club pay for this and David asked that a quotation for this work be obtained, Clerk to action.

The installation of a lockable bollard in the car park was discussed, the Chair, Lindsay Austin currently on maternity leave had asked that 1 bollard be installed. On inspection one would not be sufficient, at least 3 would be needed. The committee felt that the usage should be monitored for several months before any action was taken. All agreed.

### **4. Outstanding issues list – allocate actions/owners.**

The list of actions was reviewed,

Football Pitch – as no member of the Committee was present who dealt with the Football the actions re white lining and goalposts could not be discussed.

Car Park – All actions now completed.

Planting – 2nd planting planned for 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> March to finalise positioning of benches and trees.

Website – Clerk has updated the site with a year calendar with existing Cricket Club home fixture dates marked. Booking details are also on the website.

Lions photo shoot – this cannot be arranged until the 2<sup>nd</sup> planting is finalised, Clerk to email them once this is complete.

Sponsorship Plaques – The Clerk handed 9 plaques to Cllr. Brooks all for trees so Sally can allocate them to the trees at the 2<sup>nd</sup> planting.

Neither of the bench sponsors wished for a plaque, the third bench sponsored by the PC Chairman, he is getting his own plaque.

David asked if the soak away had ever been installed, this was not done. He reported that the car park is regularly under water. To be monitored.

The Mound of soil left on the Green, David had asked Swallow to spread some of this around the practise nets, this is not yet done. Cllr. Brooks had investigated it being removed, but David reported the mound was to be seeded and left as the children enjoyed playing on it. This was agreed.

## **6. Matters arising not on the Agenda.**

A new Pavilion to replace the existing one was discussed. Our District Councillor had been emailing about various funds available from SODC. The PC cannot apply for a loan until 2014. Other funds are available but these would be a loan the PC would need to agree if they wished to acquire the funds by loan. The PC need to debate this at their next PC meeting. The VG committee felt the grant route was preferable and the CC have agreed to put forward around £20K so far, other grants are being explored by the Football Club representatives.

## **7. Date of next meeting Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013**

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

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