

HARMSWORTH MEMORIAL TRUST

Minutes of the meeting of the Trust held on Monday 20th January 2014 in Iden Green Pavilion,
following Benenden Parish Council meeting at 20.00, pursuant to notice

Present: Cllr Reynolds, Cllr Barker, Cllr Butler-Graham, Cllr North and Cllr Thomas
In Attendance: Fiona Chalk – Clerk

001/14 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Cook and Cllr Waldren has submitted his resignations due to work commitments.

002/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

003/14 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16th December 2013

The minutes were unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman.

004/14 MATTERS ARISING

- (i) Beech Hedge – Iden Green. It was agreed the proposed location of the noticeboard be discussed with Mr Santer as the work has not yet been undertaken. This will impact on the re-establishing of the beech hedge, which will be discussed further once the noticeboard has been moved.
- (ii) KCC have advised that comments are sought for the planning application for amendment to the Car Park at the Village Hall. It was agreed to advertise this on the website and through the email database. It was agreed that no public meeting was required due to sufficient information being put in the public domain.
- (iii) It was unanimously agreed that HMT will take over the ownership and management of the 3 plots of land at Cherryfields, The Street, Benenden.

005/14 BENENDEN VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE REPORT

It was advised that there are few meetings of the Committee and therefore a monthly report should be submitted by the Chair to each HMT monthly meeting, and financial figures should be produced quarterly, as per it's Standing Orders. This would enable HMT Trustee to know what is happening at the Hall, which is HMT's largest asset.

006/14 IDEN GREEN AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Clerk advised a draft lease has been provided, which needs some minor amendments. The Section 106 agreement has not yet been agreed and is currently with TWBC's legal department. It was agreed that the allotments should not be instated at this time, but water should be made available by ERHA.

007/14 RECREATION GROUND

The Clerk advised that the Insurers have advised that all medium risk items on the playground safety report should be carried out in order that the insurance is not

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invalidated. The Clerk confirmed she has received a quote from Bourne Amenity in the sum of £550. It was unanimously agreed that repairs go ahead, but without an extra delivery of bark. The existing bark, when raked into place, is adequate.

It was noted that the current play equipment on the Benenden Recreation Ground is old and in need of constant repair and therefore quotes for new equipment are being sought. Cllr Thomas advised that one quote has been received in the sum of £50,000 so grant or match funding will be required. It was agreed that once the decision regarding the Car Park application has been reached, further quotes and consultation with users, will be sought.

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FINANCE REPORT

- (i) The bank reconciliation was noted and cheque payments approved.
- (ii) The budget will be presented to the February meeting, once the Quinn quennial survey has been received.
- (iii) It was agreed the Clerk look into the contracts for the toilet cleaner and the caretaker and the obligation to pay NI etc.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The report was noted.

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Items of Future Consideration

The budget at the February meeting

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Date of Next Meeting

The meeting will be on 10th February commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting was closed at 9.50 p.m.