

Minutes of Assets committee meeting
Monday 27th February 2023 6pm
Councillors Atkins (chair), Hill, Lewis, Staddon, Beatty & Linfoot

23/1. No apologies

23/2. Minutes of last assets meeting proposed as correct and accurate by Councillor Atkins, seconded by Councillor Hill. Passed unanimously.

23/4. Candy's management review

The plan proposed by Councillor Lewis was discussed.

A) Air ambulance access must be maintained

B) The path that cuts across Candy's Field will be managed, but not resurfaced.

C) Hedge behind preschool. The hedge can't be removed as it was part of planning to create a barrier between the preschool and the houses. Councillor Lewis proposed that the hedge be managed/cut back during the year in preparation for selected planting in the Autumn .

Action- Councillor Lewis to prepare a specification for work required. (Proposed Councillor Atkins, seconded Councillor Beatty, Unanimous)

D) Ground under the Oak tree with the swing.

A discussion took place re the swing which is regularly removed and then replaced. Major Latham to be spoken to and asked to issue an update to the Marine staff not to replace, (will speak on March 20th).

The 2 picnic benches are regularly moved over to the tree, a quote will be obtained to place concrete pads down to pin the benches to.

Action- Councillor Atkins to obtain a quote to complete work (proposed Councillor Linfoot, seconded Councillor Hill, Unanimous).

E) Jubilee Oak to be monitored over the summer, if no improvement a replacement sourced and planted in the Autumn.

F) The tree that was protected by a TPO will be replaced in the autumn.

23/5 Trees in Front Meadow.

Councillor Lewis discussed the trees, at this time a Lucombe Oak not available at this time (will be available in autumn). Councillor Lewis also reported that the main Oak has a particular fungus (ganoderma) which is untreatable and an indicator of poor plant health, so any planting should be successional.

Councillor Lewis has 3 proposals, but after further discussion it was agreed that a meeting with RBL, the Russell's, the church and the PC to discuss altogether and then act on.

Action Lucy to arrange a meeting ASAP. (Councillor Atkins proposed, seconded Councillor Beatty, Unanimous).

23/6 Avenue Trees

Councillor Lewis highlighted that several Trees required work/pollarding for safety reasons. Councillor Beatty raised concerns about Wrens nesting, Councillor Lewis will ensure impact to the nesting sites will be minimal.

Action- Councillor Lewis to contact Dartmoor Trees who have quoted £1400 and available in March to arrange the work (Proposed Councillor Linfoot, seconded Councillor Hill Unanimous)

23/6 Temporary membership of the assets committee was discussed and it was proposed Councillor Lewis join (pre election).

(Proposed Councillor Atkins, seconded Councillor Hill, Unanimous)

Councillor Lewis then had to leave to attend an appointment.

23/7 Kissing Gate Cliff Field

Discussion on report from Skinners re repair or cut a new gate.

It was proposed that a new gate is built, in the design of the old gate, but is replaced on the field as a gate (like Avenue Field) and not try to replicate/replace the curved fencing (proposed Councillor Atkins, seconded Councillor Staddon, Unanimous)

Lucy to inform Skinners to go ahead with the build.

23/8 Rag safety fence

Councillor Atkins discussed a quote he had to install a fence, which would consist of wood posts and stock wire. The entrance would be opened up to allow the fence to stretch straight across. Quote was for £1284 (approximately).

It was agreed that this was needed as we approach the summer, and people will want to use it.
(Councillor proposed work be carried out, seconded Councillor Staddon, Unanimous)

23/9 Cemetery work

The policy on burial was discussed, it was agreed that only qualified gravedigger be allowed to work in the Cemetery.

That the secretary have discretion on implementing the fees when deciding double fees (not for people who have lived the majority of their life in Lympstone).

If two sets of ashes are to be interred in one casket, the second set will be charged 50% of the burial fee.
Proposed Councillor Hill seconded Councillor Atkins Unanimous in support of above.

Hedge between Cemetery and village hall will be layered outside of the nesting season.

The path was discussed, a quote will be obtained from RBL to remove the bricks and replace with a concrete path (narrower than present). Councillor Atkins has this in hand.

A survey is under way of the headstones, those that have sunk, families will be contacted, if not quotes obtained to correct.

Mr Pring will be told the soil in the corner must be moved ASAP.

Main gates will be inspected, Mr Morrish will correct the gate posts to ensure they close properly.
Consideration to have the gates rubbed down and repainted (Councillor Atkins to report back).

23/10. Avenue Field footpath (NE corner to SE corner)

The Getting around Group suggestion was discussed.

It was not clear who may use this footpath and how often.

Proposed that Councillor Atkins obtain a quote to open the hedge up and install a gate (same as new gate far end).

(Proposed Councillor Linfoot, seconded Councillor Staddon, Unanimous).

Items for next agenda.

Solar lights in Front Meadow

Additional bench in Front Meadow

Petanque pitch

Meeting concluded **7.35pm**

Chairman:

Date: