

PARISH COUNCIL OF BENENDEN

Minutes of a Meeting of the Harmsworth Memorial Trust held on Monday 20th May 2013 In the Iden Green Pavilion

Present: Cllrs. Barker, Beattie, Butler-Graham, Reynolds, Thomas and 7 members of the public
Clerk Mrs D Jenkins

Apologies: Cllrs. North & Walden

041/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND LOBBYING

There were none.

042/13 MINUTES of the Meeting held on 25th March 2013

The minutes of the meeting had previously been circulated. An amendment was made to 032/13 tenth line down, 'Pariah' was amended to 'Parish'. It was then **AGREED** that the minutes be **APPROVED** and signed as a true record of those proceedings.

043/13 UPDATE ON ANY ACTION IDENTIFIED IN THE MINUTES of 25th MARCH 2013

There were none.

044/13 TO RECEIVE REPORTS if available from Benenden Village Hall & Iden Green Recreation Ground

Mr John Clarke, Chairman of Benenden Village Hall Management Committee, was invited to report. Mr Clarke stated that Mr Bruce Gear has completed and passed a PAT course and that the Village Hall Committee is now in the process of purchasing the necessary equipment. Mr Clarke also confirmed that Mrs. Bonny Sullivan has been appointed as the new Secretary/Treasurer to the Hall.

Mr Michael ? has remained on the Committee despite standing down as Treasurer.

045/13 MAINTENANCE OF ST. GEORGES

45.13.1 St. Georges Flat – Cllr Reynolds reported that the replacement shower is to be paid for.

45.13.2 St. Georges Club – The Playgroup have reported that the chimney on the club is leaning, and a drain cover is a trip hazard. Cllr Reynolds confirmed that the gutters have been cleaned and the moss removed, and that re-pointing around the drain cover has been completed. With regard to the leaning chimney Paige Bros have been requested to carry out a full survey. On receipt of their report the situation will be assessed and quotes for the necessary repairs will have to be sought.

046/13 CAR PARK

Nothing further has been received from KCC.

047/13 IDEN GREEN AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Cllr Reynolds confirmed that communications with Alison Thompson at ERHA are taking place.

048/13 FINANCE

To be deferred until the next meeting.

Chairman.....

Dated.....

049/13 CORRESPONDENCE

49.13.1 St. Georges Flat Boiler Repairs: Certificate of Building Regulations Compliance – **Noted.**

050/13 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

Cllr Barker reported that a dead tree on land adjacent to Iden Green Recreation Ground is leaning at a 45 deg angle. The land owner needs to be identified and contacted.

It was **AGREED** to pay the sum of £130 for a new lock on the Parish Office door.

Cllr Barker reported that a new Wi-Fi transmitter is arriving imminently which he will set up. He will also ensure that the Broad Band is working efficiently. A password for the computer is to be agreed. There is the possibility of purchasing a laptop and a projector. The expected cost of these items is in the region of £700 - £800.

Cllr Butler-Graham reported that the Chairman of the PTA has requested ongoing permission for a signboard to be placed at the bottom of the village green; on the playing field; and at the entrance to the Village Hall when an event is planned. Cllr Reynolds stated that if these were to remain in situ for a maximum of two weeks before the event and taken down immediately afterwards, this would be acceptable. With regard to using the village green the Church Wardens would need to be approached. Cllr Beattie asked if a system for a standardised board could be used for all organisations wishing to advertise events, and for the Parish Council to monitor their use. It was **AGREED**, after further discussion, that this matter should be **REVIEWED**. Cllr LB-G reported that the PTA has already commissioned advertising boards for their own use. It was **AGREED** that the PTA be allowed to erect their boards 2 weeks before an event and to have them removed immediately afterwards.

Cllr Reynolds suggested having a village calendar, listing all events occurring in the village. Cllr Butler-Graham confirmed there will be a calendar on the new website. Cllr Reynolds felt that a listing in the Parish Magazine would help with the issue of dates clashing.

051/13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Confirmed as 24th June 2013 at Iden Green Pavilion.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm

Chairman.....

Dated.....

20th May 13

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Dated.....