

**FOUR MARKS PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Open Spaces Committee  
Held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024 commencing at 6pm at The Village Hall**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	<b>Cllrs Gebbett, Coulson, Rymer, R Pullen and Medhurst</b>
<b>IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	<b>Victoria Ursulean Assistant Clerk</b>
	<b>One member of public</b>
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>	<b>Cllr M Pullen</b>

**24.106 OS APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr M Pullen sent apologies which were duly accepted by the Committee.

**24.107 OS OPEN SESSION – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Cllr Gebbett read out the standing orders and explained that he would like to change the format of the meetings. A list was read out to Councillors which was accepted.  
No members of the public had any comments.  
With no further items raised, the Open Session ended at 6.10pm.

**24.108 OS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**24.109 OS COMMITTEE MINUTES**

On the proposal of Cllr Coulson which was seconded by Cllr Rymer, and with all Councillors in agreement, it was: **RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024.**

**24.110 OS SWELLING HILL POND**

**24.110.1 To consider and approve quotations for revetment work at the pond.**

The quotations were considered by Councillors and it was decided to ask Contractor 3 for more information on his proposal. Therefore, this item was deferred due to insufficient information.

**24.111 OS RECREATION GROUND**

**24.111.1 To update and discuss LED lighting project.**

Quotations were discussed by Councillors. Cllr R Pullen suggested the reallocation of CIL funds from a project that didn't use all funds available to it. This money could be utilised for the floodlights on the football pitch and the tennis courts.

On the proposal of Cllr R Pullen which was seconded by Cllr Medhurst, and with all Councillors in agreement, it was **RESOLVED** to ask Contractor one to carry out the installation of option three with regards LEDs on the football pitch.

**24.111.2 To review quotations for recreation ground works.**

Cllr Gebbett explained that these works would improve security to the grounds and quotations for the earth buns were reviewed.

On the proposal of Cllr Medhurst which was seconded by Cllr Gebbett, and with one abstention, it was **RESOLVED** to use Contractor two to create an earth bun from the Scout Hut down to the gate on the football field.

**24.112 OS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**24.112.1 To consider new arrangements for Christmas lights. (exp. Jan)**

The Christmas lights are currently leased and maintained by a company. It was questioned as to whether there would be better terms if the lease was agreed now as opposed to later in the year. A new quotation was requested with possible different lights.

**24.112.2 To consider installing a memorial bench on the cricket field (resident request)**

A resident had requested a memorial bench for her son on the cricket field along the conifer hedging.

On the proposal of Cllr Gebbett which was seconded by Cllr Coulson, and with all Councillors in agreement, it was **RESOLVED** to approve a memorial bench on the cricket pitch subject to design.

**24.113 OS AREA UPDATE**

**24.113.1 To receive report**

The Assistant Clerk noted that the new signs had been installed in the recreation ground, and the wildflowers planted at Swelling Hill Pond.

**24.114 OS EVENTS**

**24.114.1 To consider dates for Summer Fair.**

Dates suggested were the 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

**24.115 Meeting closed: 6.48pm**

**24.116 Next meeting: 5<sup>TH</sup> February 2025**