

MAYFIELD AND FIVE ASHES PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MAYFIELD AND

FIVE ASHES COMMUNITY

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

HELD AT OLD MANOR HOUSE, HIGH STREET, MAYFIELD,
ON MONDAY 30 JANUARY 2012 AT 1930 HOURS

Committee Chairman Councillor Jane Driscoll



11D06
APPROVED
FULL
COUNCIL

SUMMARY OF MEETING

- Presentation on skateboard park improvement.
- Parish questionnaire discussed working towards a completed document.
- Presentation and discussion on Youth Drop-in Centre.
- Jubilee beacon discussed.
- Court Meadow issues discussed.

ATTENDANCE

Councillors

Deveda Redman	(DR)	Present and Voting
Patricia Balfour	(PB)	Apologies for Absence (S)
Rosemary Neal	(RN)	Present and Voting
Jane Driscoll	(JD)	Present and Voting
Elaine Wheeler	(EW)	Apologies for Absence (B)

Lay Members

Garnet Shackel	(GS)	Present
Leonard Trevillion	(LT)	Present
Steve Harland	(SH)	Not Present
Brian Pike	(BP)	Present

Councillors Present and Voting 3	Apologies for absence 2	Not present 0	Total 5
Lay Members Present 3	Not Present 1	Apologies for Absence 0	Total 4

Also Present

David Thompson (DT) Parish Clerk

Rhys Jenner – Skateboard Park

Janet Stead, K Durate – Mayfield Drop-In Centre

MINUTES

1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS ON AGENDA ITEMS

- 1.1. There were no declarations of interest by members on agenda items.

2. MINUTES OF MEETING 21 NOVEMBER 2011 (11D05)

- 2.1. It was noted that the minutes were approved by the Full Council at the December meeting.

3. SKATEBOARD PARK

- 3.1. Rhys Jenner of Southmead Close made a presentation to the Committee on ideas to redevelop the skateboard park (see Annex 2), drawing on experience of skateboard parks in Crowborough, Flimwell, Jarvis Brook and Heathfield. The difference between wood and other construction methods were described.
- 3.2. The advantages of the Mayfield location, and its lack of social undesirables was explained as was the need to try and segregate the younger skateboarders from the more experienced.
- 3.3. JD and DR explained the financial position of the Parish Council noting that for any large scheme it would be necessary for the group to help with funding. Various grant opportunities outside the reach of the Parish Council were discussed.
- 3.4. The following actions were agreed:
- RJ to develop plan for skateboard park with outline costings.
 - DT to check whether planning permission is needed.
 - DT to advise RJ of grant opportunities.
 - DT to highlight in Yellow Pages.
 - DT to advise Janet Stead and the Youth that they might support the project
 - MAFAS to be advised.

ACTION

4. YOUTH REPORT

- 4.1. JS and KD reported as follows:
- Group currently composed of girls.
 - Outdoor activities undertaken.
 - The Group were making video diaries.
 - Disco event.
 - Website links.
- 4.2. With regard to carrying out voluntary work for the village JS had doubts about the practicality of the idea, however she would suggest taking part in the Jubilee event.
- 4.3. It was felt that coverage in Yellow Pages would be useful. Clerk to arrange.

ACTION DT

5. COURT MEADOW PLAY AREAS AND BOUNDARIES.

- 5.1 The proposal to fit the play areas in Court Meadow with shredded rubber matting was discussed and would be reviewed when costings were received.
- 5.2 It was noted that dog fouling had reduced in Court Meadow of late, however, it was considered that a dog bin should be placed in the High Street. JD to advise location.

ACTION JD

- 5.3 With regard the boundary issues it was reported that the boundary for Bluebell cottage was in the hands of the solicitor, but also there could be a possible incursion at Rock Cottage which the Clerk was taking up with the solicitor and Wealden District Council.

6 JUBILEE BEACON

- 6.1 The Clerk reported that St Dunstons Church had raised the issue of beacons and that the Vicar had suggested putting one on the Church Tower roof.
- 6.2 After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would progress the matter and obtain costings. Brian O Connor would be asked to research whether historically Mayfield had lit beacons.

ACTION

DT

7 GREEN SUB COMMITTEE

- 7.1 It had been established that Court Meadow is still a King George V Field and will be so for perpetuity. It is protected by FIT (Fields in Trust):
- It may therefore be possible to attain the addition of Village Green status. The Committee had been looking at charity status and covenants to give further protection and may be able to give a final recommendation before too long.

8 LOCALISM AND PROPOSED PARISH CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

- 8.1 The Clerk reported that all the input documents had been received from group members and that the questionnaire would be updated and circulated to members for review.
- 8.2 The next steps were:
- Review by WDC
 - Review by AIRS
 - Review and agreed by Full Council
- 8.3 Delivery arrangements were noted.

9 OTHER DEVELOPMENT ISSUES FROM THE CLERK

- 9.1 There were no other development issues to report.

10 ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

- 10.1 Court Meadow and Youth to be placed on next agenda.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 21.07 HOURS

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYFIELD AND FIVE ASHES COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WILL BE:**

VENUE: OLD MANOR HOUSE, HIGH STREET, MAYFIELD

DATE: MONDAY 19 MARCH 2012 (11D06)

TIME: 1930 HOURS

Annex 1

Actions from Meeting 9D05		
• 9D5/3.2	Footpath 55 Court Meadow – Clerk to approach ESCC to ascertain cost of resurfacing the path – See below.	CLOSED
Actions from Meeting 10D03		
• 10D03/5.3	Short term plan to be developed.	OPEN
Actions from Meeting 11D02		
• 11D02/5.1	Lay members and Councillors to provide suggestions for the proposed Parish Questionnaire.	OPEN
• 11D02/5.2	Delivery arrangements for a Parish Questionnaire to be developed. In hand.	OPEN
• 11D02/7.2	Village Green outstanding issues to be researched. In hand.	OPEN
• 11D02/8.5	Rain water collection facilities to be developed for allotments. In hand.	OPEN
Actions from Meeting 11D03		
• 11D03/4.2	Parish Questionnaire policy questions to be in more simplified English. Version 2	OPEN
• 11D03/6.3	Skip for Love Lane – in hand.	OPEN
• 11D03/6.5	Notice to be prepared for new lands to denote PC ownership. In hand.	OPEN
Actions from Meeting 11D05		
• 11D05/2.3A	Clerk to contact WDALC to get meeting dates. Done.	CLOSED
• 11D05/2.3B	Dog fouling in Court Meadow to be highlighted in January Yellow Pages.	CLOSED
• 11D05/2.3C	FP55 resurfacing in Court Meadow ESCC to be approached.	OPEN
• 11D05/3.4	Members to deliver their review results on the questionnaire to Clerk in good time for next meeting in January.	OPEN
• 11D05/3.5	Clerk to produce revised draft of questionnaire for January meeting.	OPEN
• 11D05/3.7	Clerk to arrange visit from WDC to discuss Localism Act 2011.	OPEN

Actions from Meeting 11D06		
• 11D06/3.4	RJ and DT to develop actions with regard to skateboard park improvements.	OPEN
• 11 D 06/4.3	Clerk to highlight youth DIC activities in Yellow Pages	OPEN
• 11D06/5.2	JD to find location for dog bin in Mayfield High Street.	OPEN
• 11D06/6.2	Beacon project for Jubilee to be developed with church	OPEN

Summary

Actions as at 11D05	15	
Closed in period	3	
New Actions	<u>4</u>	
Total		<u>16</u>

ANNEX 2

REASONS WHY WE WOULD LIKE TO INCREASE MAYFIELD SKATE PARK

The skate park is very important to Mayfield because it keeps kids entertained. It also encourages kids to start up fast growing sports such as skating, scootering, BMX'ing and skateboarding.

More and more kids are starting to use it and at busy times its too small for the growing number of people using it.

Ramps are not really big enough for the more experienced users.

When big and small kids using it there are sometimes accidents.

Mayfield skate park has people who only want to go there to use the park not just hang around loitering. In Crowborough and Heathfield lots of kids just hang around there so some people come to Mayfield from Heathfield and Crowborough because of this.

IDEAS

Increase the size of the park and have the new part aimed for more experienced users, this would give everyone more room to use the park at their own level.

Solar powered street light to come on when it gets dark so in the winter we can use it past 4-5pm. This could be on a timer to go off at say 8pm so it doesn't encourage misuse of the park.

To help pay for it we could get people to put adverts on the backs and side of the ramps.