

# CUCKFIELD PARISH COUNCIL



## Estates Committee

### Minutes of a Meeting held at 8.15pm on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2018

**Present:** Mr M Sambrook (Chairman), Mr A Burton, Mrs M Dormer, Mr P Mantripp, Mr S Oversby-Powell

**In Attendance:** Mr W Faas, Mrs S Heynes (Clerk)

**ES03 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs F Laing.

**ES04 Declarations of interest**

None.

**ES05 Public Question Time**

No members of the public were present.

**ES06 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

The minutes of the meeting of the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018 were taken as read, confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**ES07 To review the following items regarding Horsefield Green, Ardingly Road**

a) Pond Dredging

Council resolved to proceed with the quote provided by PHB Contractors Ltd on the basis that they would be able to proceed with the pond works as a matter of urgency. If they would not be able to complete the works until October, the Clerk was instructed to contact Simply Pondz Ltd as they would be able to complete the works required in August.

b) Annual Ragwort Pulling

The pulling had been completed, the Grounds staff were clearing it away. This would be completed this week.

c) Uncut Areas

Full cuts would be completed for the remainder of the year, and the first cut of next season would also be a full one. It may be necessary to reseed the natural grass areas as they did not seem to have taken.

d) ROSPA Report

No mention had been made of the crater this year, so this would be left for another season. The safety signs were in the process of being ordered.

**ES08 To receive an update regarding Buttinghill Drive**

A full update was provided in the Planning meeting, details below:

Mr Burton provided a summary of the meeting held with MSDC and Taylor Wimpey. TW had produced a report claiming the CPC report was inaccurate. Since the meeting we have had a chance to review this report and Mr Burton would draft a response. They'd identified one of the banks was lower, this would be raised to the correct level. TW would consider clearing back the banks now as per CPC's advice however they would prefer to

wait until Autumn due to concerns about dormice. The design report for the pond was required before MSDC would consider discharging the planning conditions/Enforcement Notice. TW would provide annual surveys to monitor the pond. A follow up meeting was scheduled for September.

The issue of the siting of dog bins was raised, however this was an issue to be discussed and agreed between Taylor Wimpey and MSDC. Finally, on reviewing the Buttinghill site plans Mr Burton believed that 2 additional access pathways should be provided which were not currently in place. He would follow this up directly with TW and MSDC.

**ES09 To consider the suggestion that Cuckfield Parish Council take over responsibility for Cuckfield Recreation Ground**

Mr Sambrook would research this suggestion in further detail and provide a recommendation report for Full Council to review.

**ES10 To discuss the crossover between the Environment & Wellbeing and Estates Committees**

Mr Mantripp would draft a report with Committee structure recommendations and present at the next Full Council meeting.

**ES09 To note items arising after the preparation of this Agenda which the Chairman agrees to take as urgent**

None.

The meeting concluded at 9.00pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_