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COMMONS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of the Parish Council Commons Committee Meeting held on Thursday 10th November 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Nugent Room, Winn Hall, Dunsfold.

Cllrs Present:

Cllr Steven Haines, Chairman

Cllr Stephen Hayward, Vice Chairman

Cllr Roy Enticknap

Cllr Nick Shepherd

Representing Friends of Dunsfold Common:

Mr Alastair Bentall

Mr John Hedger

Cllr Rupert Jones

Cllr Jean Martin

Cllr Gray

Mr Mence Wilkinson

Clerk to the meeting: Mrs Celeste Lawrence, Clerk & RFO

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15th September 2016 were AGREED and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

4. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMONS STEERING GROUP

Cllr Enticknap reported that the willow has been cleared from the Elm Corner pond. Work was stopped at the smaller pond at the request of a resident. Cllr Enticknap confirmed the work being carried out and work will recommence.

Cllr Enticknap further reported that Grattons Corner pond and the School pond had also been cleared and the Mill Lane pond would be cleared next.

The pond on the corner of Alfold Road has been cleared by a resident.

Cllr Haines requested that the ground around the ponds be levelled to enable ease of commons cuts and ensure that the swans still have somewhere to nest.

Cllr Enticknap also reported that the work on the trees at Elmbridge has been completed. Cllrs Enticknap and Haines along with Mr Court, have marked the trees to be removed by the cricket pitch in line with the Woodland Management Plan. Work will commence when the leaf is off the trees.

5. TREE RISK MANAGEMENT GUIDE

Cllr Haines reported that a meeting had been held with Arno Spaarkogel - WBC Ranger and Matthew Lank - WBC Greenspaces Manager. A schedule of works and costings would be produced so that WBC could assist with the cost of work needed in maintaining the common area.

Cllr Haines reported that a further meeting had been held with the Ranger looking at the high risk tree areas in the village. The WBC Tree Risk Management Guide, circulated prior to the meeting, would be adapted to suit Dunsfold common and adopted when complete. Cllr Haines reported that the Ranger had recommended that a qualified tree expert be used to report on the risks to the trees in the village. Cllr Enticknap proposed and Cllr Martin seconded and all members AGREED that £2000 could be spent to engage one of the WBC approved tree experts.

6. COMMON AREA ISSUES

None.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.55 pm.

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