

ST JAMES, ISLE OF GRAIN, PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

6th FEBRUARY 2024

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 19:15

Present:

Councillor P Blakeley
Councillor Mrs G Sands
Councillor T Sands
Councillor Ms H von der Holle (Chairman)

In Attendance:

Mrs Christine Gurr – Parish Clerk
Ms Stacey McGregor, Medway Council

Apologies for absence (received and accepted):

Councillor H Ogunfemi - Work commitment
Councillor D Warrington - On holiday

(To avoid possible disqualification under the 6-month rule, Councillors must provide a reason for non-attendance)

GP.24.01 PROWs Medway Council Presentation

Members welcomed Medway Council's newly appointed Public Rights of Way (PROW) and Access Officer Ms Stacey McGregor. Ms McGregor introduced herself by saying that:

- The budget for managing PROWs across Medway had been drastically reduced;
- Maintenance of PROWs is the responsibility of Medway Council with the co-operation of landowners;
- Medway Council relies heavily on volunteers – throughout Medway – to maintain PROWs;
- Some PROWs have fallen below an acceptable standard and it was necessary to rectify this situation as quickly as possible;
- Any unrecorded routes prior to 1949 will cease to exist on Path Extinguishment Day – 1st January 2031;
- Restoring the Record is an initiative to apply for unrecorded routes to be registered if evidence can be provided of such use.

Action/Comments Agreed:

After lengthy discussion, the following was agreed:

- Compile a complete list of PROWs in this Parish;
- Indicate which PROWs are on PC land;
- Indicate which PROWs the PC can maintain;
- Indicate the priorities 'high', 'medium' or 'low';
- Agenda for April GP Committee meeting.

GP.24.02 D-Day 80 Anniversary – 6th June 2024

Members reviewed the following documents:

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- Email from KALC enclosing a letter from Bruno Peek CVO OBE OPR Pageantmaster;
- Extracts from D-Day 80 Anniversary Guide to Taking Part.

Action/Comments Agreed:

After lengthy discussion, the following was agreed:

- Light a Beacon on the foreshore at the same place as previously;
- Provide light refreshments;
- Ask Fete Committee, FoGCP and St James' Church if they wish to participate;
- Ask Fete Committee if they can provide a loud speaker system;
- Advertise the event well in advance – providing a map of the exact location of the Beacon;
- Agenda for April GP Committee meeting.

GP.24.03 Policy for Weed Control

Members reviewed the following documents:

- Extract from East Malling Research Centre Short Courses website for Pesticide Application Courses:
 - Cost for PA1 and PA6a is £575 plus VAT (3-day course);
- Safety Data Sheet for Gallup Biograde 360 (as used by Medway Norse operatives) costing £50 per 5-litre.

Action/Comments Agreed:

After lengthy discussion, the following was agreed:

- Councillors Blakeley, Mrs G Sands and Ms von der Holle undertook to research alternative products and/or weed control systems;
- Agenda for April GP Committee meeting.

GP.24.04 2024 KALC Community Awards Scheme Submission

Members reviewed the following documents:

- Email from KALC dated 6th November 2023 enclosing:
 - An outline of the 2024 Award Scheme;
 - A Nomination Form for members councils to complete and send.

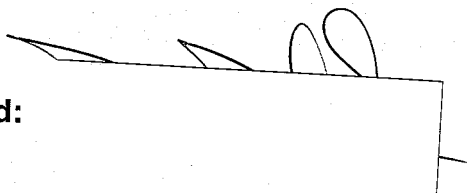
Action/Comments Agreed:

The wording of a submission was agreed to meet the deadline of 9th February 2024.

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There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

Signed:



Date:

27/2/2024

General Purposes Committee

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