

# *Sandridge Parish Council*



## **JERSEY FARM WOODLAND PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Met at 7.30pm at Marshalswick Community Centre  
on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

### **PRESENT:**

Parish Councillors - Jenny Roberts (Chair), Carol  
Chalkley, Adam Twidell  
District Councillors – Michael Jones  
Warden – Mark Carter  
Public Members – Frances Leonard, Anne  
Thomas, Johanna Houlahan

### **OFFICERS:**

Emma Hostler - Deputy Clerk  
Rebecca Pannese – Project, Amenities and  
Community Engagement (PACE) Officer

### **ABSENT:**

District Councillor – Raj Visram  
Public Members Clyde Martindill, Jamie Burrows

## **652. TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Wells, Cllr Sieger, Cllr Oakley, and Public Members Carol Higgins and John Forward.

## **653. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

Mark Carter declared an interest as a self-employed contractor for Sandridge Parish Council.

## **654. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024, having been previously circulated, were taken as a correct record and it was, unanimously;

### **RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

## **655. MATTERS OF REPORT**

- Following approval of the Woodland Management Plan at the last meeting, Mark Carter (Parish Warden) and Anne Thomas completed the first stage of thinning and clearance around the future veteran trees in Pat's Wood.
- Mark Carter has completed further hedge management works opposite Bill's Wood.
- Cllr Wells has dismantled the interpretation board adjacent to Jersey Lane as part of the refurbishment programme agreed at the last meeting. In so doing, he has acquired a better understanding of the construction of the boards which will help with the renovation of the

- remainder through replacement of constituent parts.
- A drainage company has attempted to explore further the extent of blockage affecting the soakaway at the bottom of FP 27 at the St Helier entrance. Unfortunately, they have not been able to access the soakaway due to the pipe being embedded in concrete. A request will be made at the next meeting of Full Council to approve funding to replace the existing soakaway. The Deputy Clerk will seek quotes from appropriate groundworks companies.
- Cllr Ternouth has gathered over 30 statements from users of the footpath that runs through the privately owned part of the woodland, at the top of Highfield Road, and feels in a position to begin drafting an application to HCC for definitive status.
- The Full Council has approved the go-ahead of a D-Day 80 commemorative event on 6<sup>th</sup> June. This will take the form of a beacon lighting ceremony in the evening and attendance has been confirmed from the Deputy Lord Lieutenant David Williams.
- A memorial tree planted some 14 years ago by a local resident, which disappeared, assumed vandalised, has been replaced with a rowan tree.
- A memorial bench has been commissioned to be sited on the hill adjacent to the Wheat Close playground.
- Plans for the JFWP summer event on 1<sup>st</sup> June continue, musical events have now been booked, as well as activity equipment, stall holders and caterers. There will be no fireworks at the event.

**656. A PROPOSAL FOR CYCLE PARKING ON THE WOODLAND PARK FROM BY CLLR WELLS**

Members received a written proposal from Cllr Wells for the installation of parking for up to eight bikes on the Woodland Park at the entry point from Sandringham Crescent opposite Sandringham School (What Three Words//port.monk.soup). This will comprise four Sheffield bike stands, colour light moss green, to fit two bikes each. It is hoped that the stands will be installed in time for the Woodland Park summer event taking place on 1<sup>st</sup> June. The proposal was seconded by Frances Leonard and it was, unanimously;

**RESOLVED**

To support the installation of cycle parking for up to 8 bikes on the Jersey Farm Woodland Park at a cost of no more £500.

**657. A PROPOSAL FOR HEDGE PLANTING ON THE WOODLAND PARK FROM ANNE THOMAS**

Members received a written proposal from Anne Thomas to plant a mixed native hedgerow adjacent to FP 27 (south side) to further enhance the Woodland Park as a suitable environment for wildlife. Estimated costs based on a calculation of 1800 hedgerow whips are £1,600 but Anne informed the Committee that some funding for the project may be available from a Woodland Trust grant, which she will look into, or alternatively the availability of free whips also from the Trust. The cost of eco rabbit guards and canes is estimated at £1,300. Planting will take place in the autumn with assistance from local volunteers. Cllr Twidell suggested approaching both Parkrun and the Chiltern Rangers for further volunteer support in recognition of the extent of the task. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Chalkley and it was, unanimously;

**RESOLVED**

To plant a native hedgerow adjacent to FP27 on the Woodland Park within a cost of approximately £1,600.

**658. RENEWAL OF THE PARKRUN LICENCE**

Members received a copy of the agreement between Sandridge Parish Council and Parkrun Ltd laying out the arrangements for the weekly Parkrun event on the Woodland Park. This Agreement lapsed in 2021 during the pandemic period when the event was temporarily suspended but it may be beneficial to both parties to reinstate it. Amendments to the

original agreement, which covered matters such as the licence period, decision to cancel a weekly event, measures for mitigating against ground damage during poor weather and the number of participants, were reviewed. A change was made to the draft agreement to clarify responsibility of decision making and in recognition that it was not necessary for Parkrun to report attendance figures as these are made public each week on the Parkrun website. The proposal to renew the licence for a further two years was proposed by Cllr Chalkley and seconded by Cllr Twidell and it was, unanimously;

**RESOLVED**

To approve the licence between Sandridge Parish Council and Parkrun Ltd for a further two years. The licence will be presented to the Parkrun Event Director and the Parish Clerk for signature.

**659. REVIEW OF THE ANNUAL MANAGEMENT PLAN AND CURRENT EXPENDITURE**

Members noted the current spend to date of £18,482 against the annual budget of £20,335. Discussion followed regarding best use of the remaining spend of £1,852 and it was proposed by Frances Leonard to use this to purchase eco rabbit guards and canes for the new hedgerow (see item 657) and the remainder to purchase wildflowers including wood anemones, primroses, and native bluebells. This was seconded by Carol Chalkley and it was, unanimously;

**RESOLVED**

To purchase eco rabbit guards and canes for 1800 whips, and wildflowers from the remaining funds of approximately £1,850 of the annual budget.

Members also reviewed the annual plan for 2024-5 with a view to reallocating expenditure towards some of the more recently approved projects, including the woodland management plan to nurture future veteran trees (item 646) and the planting of a mixed native hedgerow (657).

**660. SUGGESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING**

Extension of the pond habitat.

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the JFWP Management Committee will take place at Marshalswick Community Centre at 7.30pm on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024. There will be a site walkabout from 6.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.17pm.

Chair .....

Date .....