



Horndean Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT JUBILEE HALL ON 2nd June 2025

PRESENT

Cllr A Redding (Chair), Cllr J Lay, Cllr D Prosser

IN ATTENDANCE

Carla Baverstock-Jones (Chief Officer), Matt Madill (Grounds Manager),
Susan Blake (Minute Taker)

PUBLIC — 2 members of the public

Meeting Opened 6.30pm by Cllr A Redding

G 001/25/26 **To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies received from Cllr R Sowden, Cllr R Smith and Cllr J Tyler

G 002/25/26 **Declaration of interest**

No declaration of interest

G 003/25/26 **To open the meeting to members of the public**

Meeting opened to the public 6.30pm - Cllr A Redding

G 004/25/26 **To elect a Vice Chairman to the Grounds Committee.**

Cllr D Prosser elected as Vice Chairman of the Grounds Committee.

All Agreed.

G 005/25/26 **To receive and approve the Minutes of the Grounds Committee meeting held on Monday 31st March 2025.**

Minutes reviewed.

Approved — Cllr A Redding

Seconded — Cllr D Prosser

G 006/25/26 **To receive updates on non-agenda matters arising from previous meeting.**

Ponds consultant for Catherington pond is being sourced, no leads currently Grounds Manager. SSEN have been informed that the Cattle are now grazing at Hazleton Common. Contact to be made when the cattle are removed.

Grounds manager meeting with Steward Scheme to see if there are any capital grants. Grounds Manager to take this forward.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'A. L.' or similar.

G 007/25/26 To receive an update in respect of the completed projects/significant works undertaken by the Countryside Team.

Main focus of the Countryside Teams work has been the Lith/Green trail. Strimming work has been started — Grounds Manager.

G 008/25/26 To receive an update in respect of the Horndean Green Trail and Heritage Network.

Cllr A Redding thanked the Countryside team and volunteers for all their work with regards to the Horndean Green Trail and Heritage Network.

Launch of the Trail went very well, more images to be sought of the launch. Phase number 2 is underway.

Cllr A Redding explained a CIL bid for £50k has been applied for with the SDNPA for a quiet lanes infrastructure initiative in the Blendworth Zone, which falls with the SDNP boundary.

G 009/25/26 To receive a verbal update in respect of the renewal of Catherington Down Lease.

Currently no further forward Grounds Manager to speak to Hampshire County Council regarding the lease.

G 010/25/26 To receive and consider the request from a resident to undertake tree works at Wagtail Close.

Agreed to recommend to Council for the tree to be reduced to the previous growth points as in 2021, when similar work was undertaken. The tree is subject to a TPO, and therefore an application to the EHDC Tree Officer will need to be made and permission granted.

G 011/25/26 To receive and consider the future possibility of participating in the 'No Mow May' campaign.

To return to the next Grounds Committee meeting with site suggestions appropriate for 'No Mow May'.

There are grants available within the South Downs National Park in respect of the Pollinator Pledge.

It was agreed for the Grounds Manager to submit an application for £1,000.

G 012/25/26 To resolve to exclude the public and the press, in the view that publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business or arising out of the business about to be transacted. (Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960).

Public excluded 7:06pm



G 013/25/26 **To receive and consider the information received in respect of a claim pertaining to subsidence, allegedly arising from a tree within the ownership of the Parish Council.**

Current position noted and awaiting outcome of the TPO application.

G 014/25/26 **To receive and consider the costs in respect of the grass cutting contract**

To continue as is with the sites stated within the current contract.

Next meeting to be held on 18th August 2025

Meeting Closed 7.25pm

Signed..........

Dated.....18 August 2025.....