

VILLAGE GREEN COMMITTEE

MINUTES – 9 NOVEMBER 2023

Attendees: Councillors - Juan Brooks (Chair), John Cook, Richard Daniel, Nigel Kemp,
Clerk – Ruth Swales

Apologies: Cllr Emma Powell

VGC2307 The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting.

VGC2308 **Future Management of the Green:**

- i) Cllr Brooks advised that estimates have been requested from the IDB and the Lower Derwent Conservation Group re the weed-wiping &/or spot spraying service they could provide and are expected to be received by early December.
- ii) The Committee decided not to seek community opinion on the way forward for the management of the Green concluding that mowing any or all of the Green five times a year goes against not only the PC's long term commitment to preserving the environment and its concern for climate change, but is also inconsistent with the national agenda to promote biodiversity. Therefore the Committee will recommend to full Council that the Green continues to be managed under the Higher level Environmental Stewardship scheme in accordance with the published Parish Plan.

VGC2309 **Car Parks:**

- i) Cllr Daniel advised that the quote he had received for the stone to re-surface the Church/VI car park Chapel car park was £728. Full Council approval to a budget for this work will be requested at the December meeting.
- ii) The Committee decided against recommending re-surfacing of the Chapel car-park preferring instead to scrape the Grasscrete with a tractor bucket and cut the boundary edges when necessary to delineate it better.
- iii) The Committee discussed the instigation of a permit scheme for parking in the Church/VI and Chapel Car parks and will recommend this initiative to full Council for consideration at the December meeting. Draft of the Occasional Use Permit attached.

VGC2310 **Drainage issue outside School House/Hope Cottage:**

Cllr Kemp advised he still needed to speak with the developer of Hope Cottage to clarify the waste water drainage arrangements and establish the cause of the water emerging from the crack in the road bordering the Green. If it transpires that the soak away at Hope Cottage is the cause of the problem the Committee felt it might be necessary to go back to Selby Planning who had approved that drainage arrangement.

VGC2311 **Risk Management issues:**

- i) The Committee noted that Lewis Tree Surgeons have committed to undertake the removal of the fallen Crack Willow outside Swallow House on 13 December.

<p>Signed as an accurate record of the meeting held on 9 November 2023</p>	<p>Juan Brooks</p> <p>CHAIRMAN</p>	<p>14 December 2023</p>
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