

Yateley Common Management Committee Notes

Wednesday 6th March 2024 – 7.00pm Oak Room, Yateley Town Council

Present:

Cllr Bob Harward (Chair YTC.)
 Cllr Pam Phelps-Jones (YTC)
 Cllr Adrian Collett (HCC)
 Nicki Paton (HCC)
 Gill McCallum (Admin Officer YTC)

In Attendance:

9 members of the public
 Chris Gazzard (Manager BAL) and 1 team member

Apologies:

David Boddy (HIWWT)
 Mark Crisp (RSPB)

1. **Apologies & Welcome**
 - Apologies received from David Boddy and Mark Crisp
 - Those present were welcomed by Cllr Bob Harward and the meeting was opened at 7.00pm
2. **Declarations of Interest**
 - There were no declarations of interest
3. **Notes from previous meeting were accepted as correct**

Matters Arising:- none

Updates – Blackbushe Airport

 - Chris Gazzard confirmed the Section 16 land swap consultation is now complete. The formal response from the Planning Inspectorate will follow and lawyers will respond in due course. He noted that there were some constructive comments given in the consultation. A scheduled enquiry and site visit will now take place.
 - RSPB started works at the north track, clearing fire breaks, volunteer parties to be organised in due course.
4. **Site Managers Report**
 - Nicki Paton went through report briefly and asked for questions relating to it.
 - Confirmed that scrubland is being cleared since November and ongoing. Concentrated work in short period of time due to a contractor letting the team down.
 - Rights of way diversion order confirmed last March and a whole new route has been cut through around Tuscany way and from Vigo Lane to Sims metal. A little bit of cutting away still to be done and some bollards to be put in at bridleway crossing points.
 - Joint working week was organised, and volunteers helped clear area around cemetery.
 - Upcoming – Easter Trail on bank holiday Monday.
5. **Questions from Residents**
 - **Question** – It was reported that a lady complained about the gorse cutting and it was requested that in future, residents could be informed by putting a notification on Yateley Community Facebook. Nicki confirmed this work has been going on for years and was well advertised however, some people are not well informed.
 - Cllr Harward commented that he was looking forward to elm trees growing, this was followed by some discussion about elm trees.
 - **Question** – An amphibian report was requested due to large number of casualties this year. The Link has been seen as an area of concern due to high toad fatalities. There is a need to find out what measures could be put in place moving forward. Nicki said she would speak to Pete West and Highways regarding what measures could be put in place in future.
 - **Question** – Are there going to be signs about the ground nesting birds? Nicki confirmed they would be going out.
 - **Question** - Bin in Green Lane still missing. Nicki confirmed it would be installed in the next couple of weeks and it is currently situated in the yard.
6. **HIWWT report**
 - Cllr Harward confirmed that all in attendance had read the report.

7.	Any Other Business Nicki suggested a site walk before the next meeting in July.
8.	Next Meeting Date: Wednesday 3rd July 2024 at the Oak Room, Yateley Town Council Wednesday 6th November 2024 Wednesday 5th March 2025

The meeting closed at 19:35hrs