

Wheatley Parish Council

Open Spaces Committee Minutes 15 January 2018

Present: Cllrs Roger Bell (RB), Andrew Cooper (AC), Paula Hood (PH) (Chair), Doug Lamont (DL), Lizzie Tulley (LT), Paul Wilmott, (PW)

Officer: Michelle Legg (Clerk)

Members of Public: 5

No Item

67. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Kate Foster

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - none

3. MINUTES AND ACTIONS from meeting held on 20th November 2017 were signed as a true record of the meeting.

Item 63 Clerk to arrange for the hedge to be trimmed.

Item 56 Clerk to chase Horspath PC Clerk re burial ground as agreed at Full Council meeting.

Item 55 to be included in Finance Committee agenda in February.

4. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

PHo

Outside workers continue to carry out tasks in the village. Clerk is compiling a list of spring tasks to be carried out including sanding and re-staining of benches and bollards. All asked to contact clerk with any other tasks.

5. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON PARISH RECREATION GROUNDS

Clerk

-Cullum Road Rec- met with HAGS to confirm spinner removal and replacement awaiting a start date.

-Church Rd Rec, tree work on cliff face planned for w/c 22 Jan. Immediate neighbours have been contacted. Whilst on site contractor to be asked to look at conifer/evergreen tree at top of the cliff.

-Farm Close Rd Rec, improvements needed and next walkabout will take in this area with a view to utilise s106 funds to deliver a project at the location.

6. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT FOR 2018 ONWARDS

Clerk

Clerk had previously circulated a draft tender and thanks was given for all those who responded with their comments, these have been taken on board.

Thanks given to RB and AC for their time and input in walking the areas.

The meeting went on to discuss the areas of grass, some areas on the map were not being cut, these to be included and some areas not currently marked on the map should be included. Cullum Rd, Leyshon Rd to be cut once a month. Clerk to circulate an updated map.

7. TO DISCUSS INTRODUCING WILD FLOWER AREAS IN THE VILLAGE

PHo

The Chair welcomed suggestions for wildflower/bulb planting in the village.

Issues around the type of planting and where were discussed and areas in the village centre are to be investigated at the next walkabout. Considerations

need to be given to the biodiversity value and longer term maintenance of any future planting.

A local horticulturist to be sought or local garden centre's to be approached for advice.

- 8. TO DISCUSS BURIAL GROUND PROJECT** **PHo**
The Chair proposed a questionnaire to residents about the topic. The recent newsletter deadline has been missed but could be utilised for April/May edition. Clerk to chase Horspath PC re their burial ground.
- 9. TO DISCUSS HIGH ST IMPROVEMENT REVIEW** **Clerk**
Meeting planned for Wed 17 Jan to discuss the topic. General village invites have been made through the newsletter and several people have come forward. The members of the public in attendance were keen to be involved and shared their thoughts. PH to chair the meeting initially but will look for a working group to discuss terms or reference and the review approach.
- 10. TO DISCUSS WHEATLEY DAY OF ACTION** **PHo**
PH was keen to relaunch a day of action to support residents in need of minor gardening tasks. This will be developed further before promoting an event in April.
Cllr Bell raised the spring clean events in March
- 11. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON ANY OTHER OPEN SPACES** **Clerk**
WPFT working on their grounds maintenance contract tender. Adrian shepherd is assisting with this process.
Application resubmitted for work to St Mary's Close/London Rd.
Leaves in St Mary's Horse Chestnut to be removed, but as we can only remove 2 bags a week this is a slow process.
- 12. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED** **Clerk**
Lock-up proposal received from Kath McNee. Clerk has already been in contact with Wheatley Archives and RB to share this opportunity with Wheatley Society, with a view for all three parties to work in collaboration.
- 13 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION OR URGENT ATTENTION - none** **Clerk**
- 14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
Walkabout planned for 09.30am Thu 15th Feb Farm Close Road/London Rd central
Open Space Committee 19th Mar at 7:30pm