

Wheatley Parish Council Minutes

Open Spaces Committee Monday 15th July 2019

Present: A Cooper (AC), P Hood (PH), D Lamont (DL), L Tully (LT), A Shepherd (AS), P Willmott (PW)

Officer: Michelle Legg (Clerk)

Members of the Public: 0

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14. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE** – Cllr Willmott proposed Cllr Hood for this role, this was seconded by Cllr Lamont and was approved unanimously
15. **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE** – Cllr Lamont proposed Cllr Cooper for this role, this was seconded by Cllr Willmott. And was approved unanimously.
16. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllr Bignell
17. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Cllr Lamont, Wheatley Playing Fields Trust, Cllr Shepherd, Greenscythe, Cllr Willmott Wheatley Playing Fields Trust and Wheatley Rugby Club.
18. **MINUTES** from meeting held on Monday 20th May 2019 were signed by the chair as a true record of the meeting.

OUTSTANDING ACTIONS NOT COVERED IN THE MEETING - none

19. **UPDATE FROM THE CLERK**
 - i) Request made to PCC and Diocese for a new bench in memorial garden
 - ii) Grass cutting contractor chased for outstanding work
 - iii) Staff availability – full capacity expected from 17th July
 - iv) Lock up – services required to complete scale drawings. Cllr Lamont had contacted another volunteer who may help.
 - v) Ambrose Rise ditch work carried out. Working to identify owner of culvert as clearance work required. Clerk has asked Cllr Booth to help investigate riparian land owner. AS to look into Aquatic round-up to help manage the site.
20. **TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK FROM PLAY & ACTIVITY DAY 2019**

Cllr Lamont proposed a vote of thanks to the Clerk for all her work in putting the event on.

Event was well attended and positive comments received. Some improvements for any future events were discussed. The Clerk is meeting with MG for a debrief.
21. **TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS TO IMPROVEMENTS TO FARM CLOSE RD REC**

Further consideration was given to the designs and a consensus was shown towards one particular design was shown but Cllrs will look at improved gate access.

- 22. TO CONSIDER AREAS FOR WEED SPRAYING**
A list of locations had been proposed. Other areas to be included were main entrances to the village along London Rd by Farm Shop and Park Hill. **Clerk**
- 23. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON PARISH RECREATION GROUNDS**
- i) Cullum Road Rec – wooden uprights continue to be removed as they become loose
 - ii) Church Road Rec – recent antisocial incidents experienced. Glass had been smashed and late night noise.
 - iii) Farm Close Road Rec – grass cut
- 24. TO DISCUSS OTHER OPEN SPACES**
- i) Allotments – Letters to be written reminding them of the terms of their lease.
 - ii) Farm Close Patio – Update on agreed work- now planned for September. Clerk has contacted Fusion about their planned community work.
 - iii) Littleworth Green – bench to be sanded down and re-stained **OW**
 - iv) Coopers Close – OCC have come across a delay with progress on adoption.
 - v) Village Square – disabled bays to be installed w/c 22 July
 - vi) Any other areas
 - Contact network rail to clear the bridge as the greenery is narrowing the width of the road **Clerk**
 - Footpath between Station Rd and Farm Close Road. Clerk to arrange **Clerk**
- 25. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON BURIAL GROUND**
This still needs to be measured. **Cllr Shepherd to provide measuring wheel councillors to agree location of potential entrance** **AS and Cllrs**
- 26. TO CONSIDER QUOTES FOR TREE WORK:**
- i) Hornbeam in High St inc. permission from SSE awaiting
 - ii) Replanting of Memorial Garden - approved
 - iii) Replacement tree in Crown Rd – approved
 - iv) Maintenance to Top of Cliff Face/1 Gardiner Close - approved
 - v) Any other trees requiring attention
 - Conifers on footpath to Farm Close Lane. Resident was keen to have these removed and asked to share cost with the parish council.
- 27. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND ITEMS NEEDING URGENT ATTENTION**
- i) Letter from St Mary's Church – Permission granted for Church Rd Rec only. **Clerk to respond** **Clerk**
- 28. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**
- i) R Bettes has shared some information on recent and related water leaks after the Jackies lane leak. Anyone who has experienced issues advised to contact Thames Water.
- 29. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 16 September 2019. Walkabout 5th Aug at 7pm at Cornfields**