

Wheatley Parish Council

Open Spaces Committee Agenda Monday 17th May 2021

in the Merry Bells, High Street, Wheatley.

Present: A Cooper (AC) (Chairman), T Newman (TN), A Sercombe (AS), A Shepherd (ASh), L Tully (LT)

Officer: M Legg (Clerk)

Members of Public: 1

The meeting started at 19:40 and ended at 21:25

No	Item	Action
1.	ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE A nomination was made and seconded for Cllr Cooper to continue this role. The committee approved this unanimously.	
2.	ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE. A nomination was made and seconded for Cllr Willmott to take on this role. The committee approved this unanimously.	
3.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllrs Lawrence (DL) Willmott (PW).	
4.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – none	
5.	MINUTES from meeting held on Monday 15 th March and Monday 23 rd March 2022 were signed, by the Chairman as a true record of the meetings.	
6.	UPDATE FROM THE CLERK i) Work on new planting and wildlife habitat continues at Farm Close Road ii) Bug hotel and hedgehog habitat in Church Road Rec iii) Annual maintenance of equipment to be carried out in house this year. iv) Parking deterrents in place on Littleworth Green, Landlord of the pub has been spoken to and will remind customers. v) Grass cutting regime has begun and wildflower planting. vi) Burial Ground project – on hold until WNP handover complete. vii) Street waste collections increased to three days a week.(Mon, Wed, Fri) viii) OCC involvement in concerns over tree by Farm Close Road Patio.	
7.	TO CONSIDER SEASONAL GROUNDS MAINTENANCE WORK i) Weed spraying when conditions are right ii) Hacking back around bus shelter at ambrose rise/london road. iii) Protruding hedgerows along Old Road – (FMS)	
8.	TO DISCUSS ALLOTMENTS i) Responses from revisions to Allotment Leases Happy to make changes. Site visit to be arranged. ii) Footpath through allotments – Committee were not keen to install a permanent footpath so new signage with more clarity to be installed.	
9.	TO RECEIVE QUARTERLY PLAY AREA INSPECTIONS FROM OXFORD DIRECT SERVICES AND TO DISCUSS SIGNAGE OF PLAY AREAS Noted. Clerk to explore new play area signage, enhancing the rules of use.	Clerk
10.	TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM VILLAGE SQUARE WORKING GROUP Companies that have previously quoted have contacted to say that costs are increasing, and the prices quotes will increase. Other quotes still being chased. Committee asked for a third/fourth company to be approached with the aim that the committee will review all quotes received at the next meeting.	

11. TO DISCUSS TREE WORK

- i) Tree surveys awaiting results for trees on Acremead/Kelly's Road. Awaiting surveys to be carried out. Contractor has been chased.
- ii) Tree works – proposed work and quotes
- iii) Replanting – work planned for Autumn
- iv) Still waiting for SSE to complete tree work in Church Road Rec

12. TO DISCUSS ANY FOOTPATHS IN THE VILLAGE

- i) Old Road – Littleworth now complete.
- ii) Littleworth to Windmill Lane – no update on progress on this. Although they are slippery. Clerk to check with OCC on improving access.
- iii) Any other footpaths in the village
 - Farm Close to Kelham Hall Drive and Ambrose Rise to root prune and retarmac. Clerk and AS to meet on site with contractor.

13. TO DISCUSS FLYTIPPING IN THE VILLAGE

- i) Memorial Gardens – Committee agreed to arrange for a grab lorry to remove waste and take away rubble from Farm Close Road footpath. **Clerk to Action** **Clerk**
- ii) Other areas of concern -
 - Spinney grass cuttings – ASB report to SODC/OCC.
 - Black bag dumped in Ambrose rise ditch
 - Culverts along London Road (Morland Close to Glebe, Ochre Close etc.). Clerk to chase with OCC Cllr Bearder.

14. TO DISCUSS LARGER STORAGE AREA FOR COUNCIL EQUIPMENT OPTIONS WERE DISCUSSED

Farm shop, Castle Hill Farm, were discussed.

15. TO DISCUSS ANY OTHER OPEN SPACES - none

16. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND ITEMS NEEDING URGENT ATTENTION

- i) OGBN subscription – discussed and committee approved subscription. **Clerk to action** **Clerk**
- ii) Correspondence from residents following recent tree work.

17. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- i) Volunteers are making improvements to Littleworth nature reserve
- ii) Community was looking to fund another Defib in the east of the village. Committee discussed options and Cllr Shepherd to pass on information and suggested locations to the family.
- iii) Queens Jubilee tree planting. Clerk to investigate further. Cllrs asked to consider locations. (some options discussed Littleworth Green or field)
- iv) Cars parking by Kings Arms, causing obstruction onto Highway. Cllrs asked to speak to landlady.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 19th July 2021