

Wheatley Parish Council Open Spaces Committee Minute

Virtual Meeting Minutes Monday 15th March 2021

Present: Present: A Cooper (AC), D Lawrence (DLA), A Sercombe (AS), L Tully (LT), P Willmott (PW) (Chair), The meeting was chaired by Cllr Willmott due to access issues for Cllr Cooper

Officer: Michelle Legg, Clerk to the Parish Council (Clerk)

Members of Public: 1

The virtual meeting opened at 7.45pm due to technical difficulties with meeting software

62. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Bignell, Lamont, Shepherd

63. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

64. MINUTES from meeting held on Monday 18th January 2021 were signed as a true record of the meeting. **Chair**

OUTSTANDING ACTIONS- Cllrs Cooper, Shepherd and Lamont to visit Ambrose Rise to review tree and the brook.

65. UPDATE FROM THE CLERK

- i) Burial Ground working group – virtual meeting to be arranged
- ii) Update on interpretation board in Memorial Gardens – awaiting decision from SODC planning officers
- iii) Grass cutting and wildflower area to begin in the spring.
- iv) Ground's maintenance work around village chipper arriving to remove brash and branches cut down from earlier work.
- v) Grant application results - £2,500 received from SODC Cllr Kantor's councillor grant.

66. TO DISCUSS FLOODING IN THE VILLAGE - Site meeting planned on 24th March 2021 with OCC and some residents. Social distancing should be maintained.

67. TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND UPDATES ON TREE WORK

- i) Trees along Farm Close Rd Footpath – receive an update on work and report regarding replanting. Report has been prepared and was discussed. One resident had asked that Birch is not included in the planting scheme, which was acknowledged and accepted. Committee approved the revised planting scheme, using a mix of species listed, the planned timeline, budget expenditure (£1,500, from council budget and £2,500 from grant received) community involvement and bulb planting and habitat creation, should finances allow.
- ii) To receive tree survey for Farm Close Road Recreation Ground were received. Committee were happy for work to be carried out. Quotes were to be reviewed in confidential session, at the end of the meeting but this did not occur and was rearranged for 22nd March 2021
- iii) Completed and planned tree work in other areas. Tree work had been carried out on Littleworth Green and replanting will take place in Autumn 2021. Awaiting work to be completed at St Mary's Close.

68. TO DISCUSS REQUESTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- i) Additional cycle racks in village centre. Committee approved the Clerk to pursue this in Village Square and consider the options outside other retail outlets once the pharmacy has moved. **Clerk to action**
- ii) Footpath access in Westfield/Shotover Estate. The committee noted this but also appreciated the challenges of landowners and farmers. **Cllr Sercombe offered to write a letter to the estate raising this with them.**
- iii) Volunteer Litter pickers – committee welcomed a resident who was interested in rallying the village for the Great British Spring Clean 2021. A feature will

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appear in the newsletter. Parish Council to support with some equipment and risk assessments.

iv) Other seasonal work – Grounds staff to begin seasonal work.

69. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON REPAIRS IN PLAY AREAS.

Basket swing replacement in Cullum Rd Rec has been carried out. Repairs in Church Road Rec have also been carried out.

70. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM VILLAGE SQUARE WORKING GROUP -

Quote requested from RAW and awaiting information. Committee were asked for suggestions of planting.

Cllr Sercombe asked whether hanging baskets would be an idea. Clerk/AS to liaise with businesses. **AS/Clerk**

71. TO DISCUSS ALLOTMENTS

i) Allotment Leases – revised tenancy agreement has been circulated to allotment holders. Comments are welcome and will be reviewed at a future Open Spaces meeting.

ii) Other allotment concerns. Cllr Wilmott had grown concerned about gates, rubble that has appeared on the allotments.

Cllrs and Clerk to visit site to address concerns and write to allotment holders. **AC/PW/Clerk**

72. TO DISCUSS ANY OTHER OPEN SPACES WITHIN THE VILLAGE

i) Thames Water flooding off London road, to be checked who is leading on this. **Clerk**

ii) Playing fields – Cllr Willmott meeting with TVP rep regarding traveller incursion advice. Any further advice will be shared with the council. **PW**

73. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND ITEMS NEEDING URGENT ATTENTION

i) OPFA subscription - £53.00 approved

74. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION - None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 22nd March 2021