

Wheatley Parish Council Open Spaces Committee

Minutes Monday 20th March 2023

Present: A Cooper (AC) (Chair), T Newman (TN), A Sercombe (AS), A Shepherd (ASh), P Willmott (PW).

Officer: M Legg (Clerk)

Members of Public:

Meeting opened at 7.30pm and closed at 21:04

No	Item	Action
78.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Bignell’s apologies were accepted by the committee.	
79.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllr Willmott declared an interest in item 83ii.	
80.	TO APPROVE MINUTES from meeting held on 16 th January 2023, were approved, and signed as a true record of the meeting.	
81.	OUTSTANDING ACTIONS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 9i/22-23 Allotment inspection date to be arranged, - agreed to meet on Monday 3rd April. - 27iv/22-23 Anti-climb planting at bottom of 1 Gardiner Close fence - 30iia Site visit to Littleworth apron still to be arranged - agreed to meet on Monday 3rd April. - 34/22-23 – Additional benches (High St and The Triangle) - 59ii/22-23 - Coopers Close Footpath – no update 	
82.	TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE CLERK	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Cullum Road Rec now fully accessible. ii) Grass cutting contract awarded and first cut due w/c 25th March. Agreed to a trial of No Mow May in memorial garden. iii) Table tennis table installed in Church Rd Rec. iv) Silt removal at Ambrose Rise ditch, struggling to find suitable contractors, further suggestions were discussed and companies to be approached. v) Litter picking event 18th March 2023 - 12 volunteers, 25 bags of litter plus 3 reports made of fly tipping. Concerns were raised about state of A40. It was agreed to approach OCC Cllr to address this. Clerk to write to OCC Bearder. vi) Awaiting installation dates for new bus stops vii) Fence repairs seem to be being undertaken in Church Rd Rec. viii) OPFA membership £56.00 approved 	<p style="text-align: right;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Clerk</p>
83.	TO DISCUSS TREE WORK	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Tree work completed to date in Church Rd Rec and St Mary’s Churchyard. Since basal inspections have been carried out further issues may need to be addressed. ii) Tree surveys received – Two surveys have been carried out in Farm Close Rd Footpath and on Wheatley Playing Fields. The results were discussed. ~ The Clerk had been in contact with residents of Wren Close regarding the trees in Wren Close. SODC have also been informed. It was suggested that OCC be informed of issues given the proximity to the highway. The work required will be carried out, as needed. The survey for the playing fields had included all the trees, including those within the Wheatley Playing Field Trust (WPFT) responsibilities. The parish council agreed to share the findings with (WPFT) and agreed to seek quotes for the poplars. The remaining trees work would be arranged by the trust. iii) Tree work required – as discussed in 83ii. iv) Tree planting for coronation – Howe Trust have invited villagers and organisations to plant trees to celebrate the Kings coronation. The committee agreed to plant an English Oak with plaque. 	<p style="text-align: right;">Clerk</p>

- v) Other trees – the crab apples on Crown Rd and one Elder are being monitored.
- 84. **TO DISCUSS FOOTPATHS IN THE VILLAGE** – Grounds staff have been working along the footpaths to clear of vegetation.
- 85. **TO DISCUSS PLAY/RECREATION AREAS** – Repairs are ongoing.
- 86. **TO CONSIDER SEASONAL GROUNDS MAINTENANCE WORK** – planting, spraying, painting will be focus for coming weeks.
- 87. **TO REVIEW CORE DOCUMENTS**
 - i) Play Area Inspections – noted and be presented to full council.
- 88. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND ITEMS NEEDING URGENT ATTENTION**
 - i) St Mary’s Churchyard – compost heap, **suggestions to be made to volunteers.** Clerk/AS
- 89. **DATE FOR WALKABOUT APRIL 2023** – agreed 3rd April at Littleworth
- 90. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION** - none

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 22nd May 2023