

# Wheatley Parish Council

## Open Spaces Committee Minutes 20 Nov 2017

**Present:** Cllrs Roger Bell (RB), Andrew Cooper (AC), Kate Foster (KF), Paula Hood (PH) (Chair), Doug Lamont (DL), Ian Roberts (IR), Paul Wilmott, (PW)

**Officer:** Michelle Legg (Clerk)

**Members of Public:** 1 Ian Germain

- | <b>No</b>  | <b>Item</b>   | <b>Action</b> |
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| <b>52.</b> | <b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - none</b>   |               |
| <b>53.</b> | <b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST -</b><br>Paul Wilmott – Wheatley Playing Fields Trust & Wheatley Rugby Club<br>Doug Lamont - Wheatley Playing Fields Trust<br>Ian Roberts – High St   |               |
|            | <p>Cllr Bell asked for clarification on why updates were being received by both the committee and full council. Cllr Willmott suggested that the topic is taken to full council for discussion.</p>   |               |
| <b>54.</b> | <b>MINUTES AND ACTIONS from</b><br>i) meeting held on 18 <sup>th</sup> September – were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.  |               |
| <b>55.</b> | <b>TO DISCUSS OPEN SPACES REQUEST FOR DELEGATED POWERS</b><br>Committee agreed to make a request for an exceptional spend budget of £5,000 with the same terms as the existing finance committee.   |               |
| <b>56.</b> | <b>TO RECEIVE A DRAFT REPORT ON PARISH BURIAL GROUND OPTIONS</b><br>The Clerk's report was discussed including the need to communicate the issue to the community.<br>PW recommended that the report is taken to full council for a decision, with land proposals as WPS and Miss Tombs field<br><b><i>Clerk to make amendments and include the committee's recommendation.</i></b> | <b>Clerk</b>  |
| <b>57.</b> | <b>TO DISCUSS PLAY AREA INSPECTION REPORTS –</b><br>The Clerk provided an update on the repairs and issues.   |               |
| <b>58.</b> | <b>TO DISCUSS CHURCH ROAD RECREATION GROUND –</b><br>Tree works have been authorised, repairs to play equipment have been carried out. 1 fencing quote has been received, awaiting one other.   |               |
| <b>59.</b> | <b>TO DISCUSS CULLUM ROAD RECREATION GROUND –</b><br>It was decided to replace the damaged spinner with a new one.<br><b><i>Clerk to purchase and arrange installation.</i></b>   | <b>Clerk</b>  |

**60. TO DISCUSS GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT FOR 2018 ONWARDS –**

The Clerk requested a working group be set up to review our future grass cutting requirements which will be included in a new specification/contract. Cllrs Bell and Cooper agreed to join the working group, with a view to having a draft contract available for the OSC January meeting.

**RB,  
AC,  
Clerk**

**61. TO DISCUSS PROGRESS ON HIGH ST IMPROVEMENT REVIEW -**

A request for volunteers to help review the High St Improvement has been included in the latest newsletter with a meeting date of Wed 17 January 2018. Two parish council representatives will be required to sit on the review panel.

**62. TO RECEIVE UPDATES from**

- i) Wheatley Playing Fields Trust – terms of the lease were agreed and the council are awaiting to sign the final version.
- ii) Holton Pavilion Working Group – Due to meet within the next two weeks.
- iii) Littleworth Playing Fields Working Group – Are meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> Dec.
- iv) Littleworth Allotments – have been written to and rents have paid. Committee asked for the hedge to be removed. Clerk to action.

**63. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE on any other open spaces**

- i) Land on Littleworth apron – Cllr Bell asked for the hedge to be trimmed.  
**Clerk to action.**
- ii) Coopers Close Play area – needs investigating
- iii) London Road Wall – The wall is the responsibility of OCC.
- iv) Land on corner of St Mary's Close/London Road - Richard Taylor to trim back the hedge.
- v) Memorial garden – thanks to Wheatley Wanderers for the relaying the path.
- vi) Littleworth Green – work to be undertaken in the coming weeks.
- vii) Flood Alleviation – meeting to be arranged to progress the projects
- viii) Village Square – R Taylor has been asked to take away the green waste as Mobbs are unable to do this.

**Clerk**

**64. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED –**

- i) Request from school for some bark, **Clerk to respond back to the group to provide some bags of chip bark.**
- ii) Contact from play equipment/fitness trail providers – available to anyone who wishes to view them
- iii) Letter from WPFT thanking the WPC for their support during the lease agreements.

**Clerk**

**65. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION -**

WPFT EGM – Clerk has contacted WPFT requesting a copy of accounts  
Cllr Roberts – Green paths and children's needs are likely to be future concerns. All councillors are welcomed to be involved in developing these.  
Cllr Bell raised ongoing issue of Coopers Close footpath. This is being pursued by OCC and the developers management company.

**66. DATE OF NEXT MEETING/WALKABOUT**

- i) Walkabout – TBA.
- ii) Meeting – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018