

# Wheatley Parish Council Open Spaces Committee

## Minutes Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022

**Present:** A Cooper (AC) (Chairman), D Lawrence (DL), T Newman (TN), A Sercombe (AS), A Shepherd (ASh), L Tully (LT) P Willmott.

**Officer:** M Legg (Clerk)

**Members of Public:** 0

**The meeting started at 19:30 and ended at 20:55**

<b>No</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>88.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> – received from Cllr Bignell and approved.	
<b>89.</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> – none	
<b>90.</b>	<b>MINUTES</b> from meeting held on Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting	
<b>91.</b>	<p><b>OUTSTANDING ACTIONS</b></p> <p>Item 61 – TN to contact Holton PC, has now been actioned.</p> <p>Item 78 – need to arrange site visit with Howe Trust to look at sites for storage area. Update from Cllr Shepherd regarding Castle Hill Farm.</p> <p>Item 80 – Clerk has contacted OCC, who have agreed for these to be installed as part of the work in next budget year.</p> <p>Item 85 – School seems willing to resurrect the Littleworth Playing Field Trust meetings.</p>	
<b>92.</b>	<p><b>UPDATE FROM THE CLERK</b></p> <p>i) Second GMO has completed PA1 and PA6 licence to support weed control.</p> <p>ii) Wheatley &amp; Holton Play &amp; Activity Day 2022 will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2022. Meeting to take place in coming weeks</p> <p>iii) Reports continue to be made on Fix My Street. (Potholes, light repairs, trees)</p> <p>iv) No update on footpath between Coopers Close and Littleworth Park</p> <p>v) Tree work completed on Horse Chestnut in St Mary's. New contractors used and looked to have conducted a respectable job.</p> <p>vi) Trees planted at Littleworth Green and Church Rd Rec.</p> <p>vii) Waiting for contractors to undertake repairs to Bus shelters.</p> <p>viii) Monthly reports from dog bin contractors received.</p>	
<b>93.</b>	<p><b>TO DISCUSS LITTER PICKING IN THE VILLAGE.</b> A report had been circulated from the litter crew and council were grateful for the support.</p> <p>The areas outside the village were discussed, <b>Chairman of the committee agreed to write to Cllr Bearder for him to take this up with welcome break.</b></p> <p>Agreed to consult with leader of Litter Crew to organise a litter picking event for the Autumn.</p>	<b>Chair</b>
<b>94.</b>	<p><b>TO DISCUSS REQUEST TO HOLD YOUTH EVENTS IN CHURCH RD REC</b></p> <p>Approved. <b>Clerk to inform applicant.</b></p>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>95.</b>	<p><b>TO DISCUSS TREES IN THE VILLAGE</b></p> <p>i) Waiting for the results from tree survey on Allotments.</p> <p>ii) Community tree planting event planned for Winter 2022/23, unable to order trees yet.</p>	
<b>96.</b>	<p><b>TO DISCUSS THE VILLAGE SQUARE ENHANCEMENTS</b></p> <p>The planter is outstanding, and Clerk has chased contractors and will do so again, to complete the project.</p>	

**97. TO DISCUSS PLAY AREAS**

- i) Any issues arising from inspections, minor repairs being undertaken.
- ii) Repairs to play equipment conducted. Surfacing repairs to be conducted when weather conditions allow.

**98. TO DISCUSS GRASS CUTTING FOR 2022**

Clerk asked for responses for any areas of the village that need to be added to the schedule. The only area highlighted was outside Park Hill at the junction with A40.

**99. TO DISCUSS WALKABOUTS**

- i) Comments from February's walkabout – a useful visit to the playing fields. The trust is drawing up a specification for the replacement fence (110m long) at the site, with work to be conducted. WPFT to confirm or investigate insurance cover for the field.
- ii) Arrange date for next walkabout – East end of the village 9<sup>th</sup> May.

**100. TO DISCUSS ANY OTHER OPEN SPACES**

- i) London Rd, footpath the Avenue some properties have overhanging shrubbery. Clerk to write to properties, other area highlighted was between Morland House and St Mary's. Ends of Miss tomb's field.
- ii) Flower and shrub planting (to include sunflower planting), Approved.
- iii) Allotments – site visit and reports from resident of rubbish on plots.
- iv) Other areas – none.

**101. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND ITEMS NEEDING URGENT ATTENTION**

- i) A new form of mapping – NALC case study,
- ii) OPFA subscription – recommend approval (£56)- approved

**102. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022**