

# Wheatley Parish Council Agenda

## Open Spaces Committee Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019

Present: Cllrs R Bell (RB), A Cooper (AC), P Hood (PH) (Chair), L Tully (LT), P Willmott (PW)

Officer: Michelle Legg (Clerk)

Members of the Public: 0

No

48. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllr Bignell,

49. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None

50. **MINUTES** from meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November were signed, by the chair as a true record of the meeting.

**ACTIONS** Clerk had visited Farm Close footpath and although some small areas needed attention, the footpath was passable.

Cllr Bell advised to photograph issue and Cllr Willmott will take a second look. **If deemed overgrowing Clerk to arrange for work to be completed. Clerk**

51. **UPDATE FROM THE CLERK**

- i) Disabled parking in Village Sq. – Clerk chased again and Chair has written to SODC legal team and SODC ward Cllr. To date no response from either party.
- ii) Burial ground – meeting has been delayed and will take place on 22 Jan.
- iii) Tree work – Clerk had met with arborist and details to be discussed later in the meeting
- iv) Pyracantha planting in Church Rd Rec had been delayed a week due to availability of suitable plants. Work will be completed once new order has arrived.
- v) Bus Shelter – painting carried out to cover over the graffiti from WPS School.
- vi) Perch bench – ordered will take 5-6 weeks to arrive. Contractor to install
- vii) Lock up repairs – awaiting report from contractor
- viii) Outdoor tasks – ongoing. Sander purchased to sand benches and noticeboards as required.

52. **TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON PARISH RECREATION GROUNDS**

- i) Cullum Road Rec – no updates, however Cllr Lamont will be signing the request to release the covenant on 19 Roman Rd
- ii) Church Road Rec
  - a. Proposal to replace benches in the recreation ground  
Several options were looked at. Cllr Lamont proposed, seconded by Cllr Willmott to purchase 2 recycled plastic benches and one picnic bench.  
**Clerk to purchase and arrange installation Clerk**
- iii) Farm Close Road Rec – nothing of note

53. **TO DISCUSS OTHER OPEN SPACES**

- i) Allotments – Cllrs Hood and Gregory still to meet with allotment holders. **PHo**
- ii) Farm Close Patio
  - a. Consider quotes received to improve area. Approved quote to carry

out work to plants and trees. Clerk to investigate possibility of creating a parking area.

- iii) Littleworth Green & Coopers Close. Cllr Hood reported that scalplings had been removed.
- iv) Memorial Garden – faculty consultation required for tree planting
- v) Village Square – no update available
- vi) Ambrose Rise – Arborist has made a suggestion for replanting, which was approved. **Clerk to arrange**

**54. TO RECEIVE REPORT FOR FARM CLOSE ROAD REC CONSULTATION**

The report had been circulated to all councillors with a proposal to install a young child's play area with wildlife area. This was proposed by Cllr Lamont, seconded by Cllr Wilmott. All voted in favour.

Cllrs Hood and Tully agreed to work with the Clerk on plans and budgets to be put to full council.

**PHo/LT/  
Clerk**

**55. TO CONSIDER VARIATIONS TO GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT**

Cllr Lamont was keen that the standard and length of cut are monitored and asked for the committee to consider more frequent cuts in the first three months, with wider sections of highways around Park Hill/A40.

**Clerk to liaise with contractor.**

**Clerk**

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

None

**57. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

- i) Fairfax Gate a resident had questioned SODC commitment to install a play area on an area of green spaced within the development. **Cllr Lamont to contact Holton PC for more information.**
- ii) Cllr Willmott raised issue of driveway advertising. This needs to be reported to SODC
- iii) Cllr Lamont reported that OCC have repainted the roundabout on London Rd but none of the other necessary road markings.

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**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019**