

Wheatley Parish Council Open Spaces Committee

Minutes Monday 21st November 2022

Present: P Bignell (PB), A Cooper (AC) (Chair), T Newman (TN), A Sercombe (AS), A Shepherd (ASh), L Tully (LT), P Wilmott (PW).

Officer: M Legg (Clerk)

Members of Public: 0

The meeting opened at 7.30pm and closed at 21:10

No	Item	Action
50.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – none	
51.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllr Willmott, Wheatley Playing Field Trust and Wheatley Rugby Club.	
52.	TO APPROVE MINUTES from meeting held on 26 th September 2022, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.	
53.	OUTSTANDING ACTIONS	
	- 9i/22-23 Allotment inspection date to be arranged	Clerk
	- 27iv/22-23 Anti-climb planting at bottom of 1 Gardiner Close fence	Clerk
	- 30iia Site visit to Littleworth apron still to be arranged	Clerk
	- 34/22-23 – Additional benches (High St and The Triangle)	Clerk
	- Silt removal at Ambrose Rise ditch	Clerk
54.	TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE CLERK	
	i) Cycle racks have been installed on Village Square	
	ii) Some of the trees donated through the Woodland Trust (20) have arrived Providing the school are ok, planting to be carried out by Wheatley Wanderers on Friday 2 nd .	
	iii) Meeting with Howe Trust, site could be used for a storage area, however planning permission would be needed for a temporary structure. Given that the local scouts group have received a negative response from planners, for the same site, the committee felt that this would not be possible. The alternative option of a secure container on local site was considered. The cost would be in the region of £1,800 per annum with a monthly agreement. This was agreed by the committee and to be included in the budget for following year. The Clerk confirmed that there were no containers available at the moment, but we could be placed on the waiting list.	
	iv) Wall repairs in Church Rd Rec have been completed	
	v) Insurance claim for leaf blower, committee were happy to purchase a replacement whilst the claim was going through.	
	vi) Pole pruner purchased	
	vii) Fencing removal at Wheatley Playing Fields. Contractors appointed	
	viii) Fix my street – Miller Rd.	
	ix) Christmas Tree and lights.	
	x) Safety surfacing for Cullum Rd Rec has been completed. Fencing has remained whilst grass seed establishes.	
55.	TO CONSIDER SPECIFICATION FOR REPLACEMENT FENCE AT WHEATLEY PLAYING FIELDS AND TO APPROVE TEMPORARY FENCING QUOTES.	
	Agreed revisions to the specification for new fencing. Clerk to approach companies.	Clerk
	For the temporary fencing between removal and installation the committee approved appointment of company 4, £, £1.20/week/panel and £55 delivery each way, should the council need the services.	

- 56. TO DISCUSS GRASS CUTTING**
 i) review of 2022 season – councillors were pleased with the work this year.
 ii) consider details of grass cutting contract 2023-2026 – The Clerk had updated the document used for previous tendering and committee agreed average grass height of 50mm. **Committee agreed for the Clerk to circulate tender documents** however anticipated a tender deadline towards end of Jan with review in February, so council could appoint in March ahead of first cut. **Clerk**
- 57. TO DISCUSS LITTER AND FLY TIPPING IN THE VILLAGE**
 Some hotspots that have been reported (Miller Rd, Windmill Lane). issues lie with the reporting of the incidents with SODC website, as it is cumbersome. No improvements have been made since reporting this to SODC councillor.
- 58. TO DISCUSS TREE WORK** – Tree surveys due to be completed last week. Clerk is waiting the reports.
- 59. TO DISCUSS FOOTPATHS IN THE VILLAGE**
 i) Response from OCC following application for change to definitive map and future applications – noted.
 ii) Coopers Close Footpath – no update.
 iii) Farm Close Footpath – Robinia off shoots need removing. **Clerk to liaise with Grounds staff.** **Clerk**
- 60. TO DISCUSS PLAY/RECREATION AREAS**
 i) ASB at Church Rd Rec, was discussed but no solution was agreed. Incidents of ASB to be reported to TVP. Some pupils were concerned over filming from local properties, parents advised to report this. Other ASB issues have been addressed by Wheatley Park School. **Illegal activity outside the Merry Bells to be raised at upcoming meeting.** **LT**
 ii) Repairs and maintenance – ongoing
 iii) Table tennis in Church Rd Rec – approve agreement with SODC and siting of the groundworks – Approved, with table sited on the existing concrete slab. **Clerk to sign paperwork.** **Clerk**
- 61. TO CONSIDER SEASONAL GROUNDS MAINTENANCE WORK**
 Works to continue, although committee reminded that we would only have one member of grounds staff for the next few months.
- 62. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND ITEMS NEEDING URGENT ATTENTION**
 SODC are talking to Littleworth nature reserve regarding an attenuation pond on the site. This is close to parish land.
- 63. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**
 i) Carols in the Rec – Sunday 4th December

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 16th January 2023