

# Wheatley Parish Council Open Spaces Committee Minutes Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**Present:** P Bignell (PB), 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:** 1

**The meeting started at 19:30 and ended at 21:04**

No	Item	Action
74.	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> – none	
75.	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> – none	
76.	<b>MINUTES</b> from meeting held on Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2021 were signed as a true record of the meeting.	
77.	<b>OUTSTANDING ACTIONS</b> Item 43ii – suggest holding off seeking quotes for fencing until other residents repair their fences, as deer would still be getting onto allotments Item 61 – Cllr Newman to contact Holton PC – has contacted the Clerk, but no response yet.	
78.	<b>UPDATE FROM THE CLERK</b> i) Recruited into Grounds Maintenance Operative Role, and employee will start on 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2022. ii) Wheatley & Holton Play & Activity Day 2022 will take place on 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2022 iii) Trees and hedging planted along footpath between Farm Close and Station Rd. Positive comments have been received. iv) Potholes and other issues continue to be raised to Fix My Street and landowners v) No update on footpath between Coopers Close and Littleworth Park vi) Meeting took place with PCC, awaiting confirmation about SLA vii) Christmas tree installed in time for Christmas Fair and removed in January. viii) ODS carried out work in Village Square ix) New benches have arrived and waiting for suitable weather conditions to install concrete bases, before siting the benches. One to be placed on Littleworth Green and the other on north side of London Rd. x) Looking at arranging site visit to potential site for storage area. Date TBC. Awaiting other updates from Cllr Shepherd.	
79.	<b>TO DISCUSS TREES IN THE VILLAGE</b> i) Tree work to be carried in St Mary's Churchyard completed. Work to tree by 61 Crown Rd to be carried out in coming weeks ii) To consider quotes for tree planting at Littleworth Green and Church Rd Rec. - Approved the quote from ODS (£2,000+ VAT). iii) Waiting for the results from tree survey on Allotments iv) Quotes for Horse Chestnut in St Mary's Close – reviewed quotes received and approved quote by New Leaf (£960 inc. VAT) v) Community tree planting event – committee support project that will take place in November/December 2022. Further details to be shared at future meetings	
80.	<b>TO DISCUSS THE VILLAGE SQUARE ENHANCEMENTS</b> Concerns had been raised about the uneven joins, which had been raised with the contractor, who will address this when they are next on site. <b>Clerk to contact OCC for disabled parking signs</b>	<b>Clerk</b>

**81. TO DISCUSS PLAY AREAS**

- i) To receive quarterly inspections from contractors - noted
- ii) Repairs to play equipment are still planned but have had issues with suppliers. Surfacing repairs to be carried out when weather conditions allow.

**82. TO CONSIDER REPAIRS TO BUS SHELTER ON LONDON RD – Approved quote for repairs by P&R Roofing (£567+VAT)**

**83. TO DISCUSS PROJECTS FOR 2022-23**

Councillors highlighted the following

- Littleworth Field – moving this forward
- Bucket disabled swing
- Marking Circular walks – scooter friendly, distance and ease
- Pride in Wheatley – householders taking responsibility for outside their properties.
- Littleworth Green
- Church Rd Rec

**84. TO AGREE DATE FOR FEBRUARY WALKABOUT – To meet at Wheatley/Holton playing fields, pavilion site and parish council land between 10-12 on 19th February.**

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

Add Littleworth field onto next agenda. **Cllrs Tully, Willmott and Newman to approach new governors.**

**LT/PW/TN**

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

- i) Email and verbal comments regarding new planting (Item 78iii)

**87. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**ALL**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022**