

# Wheatley Parish Council Minutes

## Open Spaces Committee Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019

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

Officer: Michelle Legg (Clerk)

Members of the Public: 0

No

58. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllr Bignell

59. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – none

60. **MINUTES** from meeting held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January were signed as a true record of the meeting.

**ACTIONS** –

Clerk is liaising with local contractor to remove woodier shrubs. Cllr Bell will look at the remaining section as part of the Spring Clean in April..

55. Clerk to chase grass contractor for a meeting.

61. **UPDATE FROM THE CLERK**

- i) Memorial Garden progress has been made. SODC and Oxford Dioceses have granted permission for replacement planting.
- ii) Perch bench – installed
- iii) Lock up repairs progress – Clerk has begun to complete paperwork
- iv) Grass cutting contract – still awaiting a meeting

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

- i) Cullum Road Rec – more timber uprights are rotting. **Clerk to liaise with staff/contractor to remove the last few.** Clerk
- Cllr Bell asked for the signage to reposition and the bushes to be trimmed back. **Clerk to identify work required** Clerk
- ii) Church Road Rec – picnic bench has been installed.
- iii) Farm Close Road Rec – to be discussed later in the meeting

63. **TO DISCUSS OTHER OPEN SPACES**

- i) Allotments – Cllrs Hood and Gregory still need to meet with the allotment holders in the spring.
- ii) Farm Close Patio – general tidy has taken place
- iii) Littleworth Green & Coopers Close – nothing to note other than illegal parking on the Littleworth apron.
- iv) Village Square – Chair has written letter to SODC Chief Executive.
- v) Other areas
  - a. Footpath to the west of Farm Close Lane footpath
  - b. Cllr Willmott reminded the committee that the council owned land next to Wheatley/Holton playing field which could be utilised more. Given current commitments the committee felt that this should be looked at in more detail at a later date.

64. **TO RECEIVE UPDATE FOR FARM CLOSE ROAD REC IMPROVEMENTS**

Clerk has met with two play equipment companies. One has already

returned suggestions and quote. Clerk will be meeting with two other companies and will report back.

**65. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON BURIAL GROUND**

A40 site has proved to be unsuitable. Clerk has been passed the contact number for the landowner of site close to Waterperry/Old London Rd to seek permission for site investigations to take place, as approved as parish council meeting.

**66. TO DISCUSS WHEATLEY SPRING CLEAN 2019**

Taking place between 5-7 April 2019. Some councillors have already signed up to help. Clerk has circulated information to local organisations with an invite to be involved.

Sustainable Wheatley and Wheatley Wanderers have committed and details of these session have been added to the spreadsheet which is also accessible on the council website.

Equipment will be delivered by SODC on 4th April and will be available from the parish office.

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

- i) Thanks were given to Wheatley Wanderers for clearing the greenery off Church Rd wall.
- ii) OPFA membership to be agreed.

**68. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

- i) Tue 26th Littleworth Playing Fields meeting

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 20 May 2019**