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WHEATLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held Wednesday
24th. May 1978

PRESENT. Councillors Mrs.C.M.Dalton (Chairman), P.H.Blake, J.Brooks,
G.McGowan, F.A.Rooney, Mrs.R.Quarterman, and Mr.R.Turrell.

APOLOGIES. Councillor P.Audley Miller.

Minutes of the Meeting held 26th.April 1978, which had been previously
circulated, were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM.

1. Trees planted in the village. Mrs.Dalton said she had been successful
in arranging a rota of volunteers to
water most of the trees when necessary.

2. Old Burial Ground. Agreed that the Bell Lane gate be kept padlocked.
Agreed that the Clerk obtain details of the cost
of (a) Cost of laying flagstones in the entrance bay.
(b) Cost of laying flagstones in the bay and also the path.

The Clerk had received one tender for laying a water supply to the ground.
A second firm could not consider further work until approximately
October and a third were not prepared to tender.

Agreed to recommend to Council that the original tender submitted
be accepted.

3. Village Greens. Councillor Audley Miller being unable to be present,
the large scale copies were not available.
Mr.Blake offered to contact Mr.Trinder to inform him of the Committee's
intention to mark the access to the High St. Green and obtain his
co-operation.

4. Cullam Rd. Recreation Ground.

Noted that the replacements had still not be attached to the swings
and slide. The Clerk to contact Mr.B.Goodey and inform him that if
he is unable to give immediate attention to return the equipment.

5. Church Rd. Recreation Ground gates. Agreed that the Clerk obtain
a tender to repair the old gates
or, if this is not possible, to obtain and erect gates on a similar
style.

6. Complaint regarding damage to trees and hedges at the King & Queen P.H.

It was noted that, apart from this complaint, that since the present
Landlord took over the Licence there had been an increase in vandalism
in the High St. and complaints of the anti-social behaviour of the
youthful customers and the day long noise.

P.T.O.

CORRESPONDENCE.

1. Farm Close Recreation Ground. Request from Mrs. F.M. Best for cement bases to be laid at the bottom of the swings and slide.
Agreed that the Clerk obtain tenders for asphalt and also pea-gravel.
2. Offer of a tree from Mr. Roy Davis.
Agreed that the offer be accepted and that Mr. Davis be thanked.
The Clerk said he intended to mention the offer in the 'Newsletter'.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

- Mrs. Quarterman.- Would the Clerk ask the District Council to this year restrict the weed spraying to the gutters in view of the trees that suffered last year. The Clerk agreed.
- Mr. Blake - Said he was pleased to see that the village had, once again, the use of a 'Lengthman'.
- Mrs. Dalton.- Said she was pleased to say that she had obtained the services of someone to empty Church Rd. recreation ground litter bin. Also that the Guides were considering a 'Clean Up' day as last year.
- Mr. Turrell - Said the litter bin at the Youth Centre had been damaged and needed replacing.

The Chairman asked the Clerk for the suggestions, she had requested, for placing the two bins that the Council had agreed to purchase. The Clerk said that, if permission could be obtained, he considered that the ideal positions would be on the telephone post to the west of Ambrose Farm and on the similar post approaching the corner of Leyshon Rd. This was agreed.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed.

Caroline Mary Dalton.

20th June, 1978.

WHEATLEY PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held at 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday 20th. June
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PRESENT. Councillors Mrs.C.M.Dalton (Chairman), P.Audley Miller, G.McGowan,
Mrs.R.Quarterman, F.A.Rooney and Mr.R.Turrell.

APOLOGIES. Councillors. P.H.Blake and J.Brooks.

Minutes of the Meeting held 24th.May 1978 were approved and signed by the
Chairman.

Par.I MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM.

Old Burial Ground.

The Clerk said he had not yet received written estimates for suggested
improvements of the paths. He had authorised the laying on of the water
supply by Mr.Davis.

Cullam Rd. Rec.

Agreed that if Mr.Goody did not erect the equipment by Thursday next, as
promised, the materials be collected and another firm asked to carry out
the work and to also tender for the repair of the damaged seats in
Cullam Rd. recreation ground and Church Rd. ground.

Mrs.Dalton said that either Mt.Davis or Mr.Dennis would probably be prepared
to do the required repairs.

Farm Close Rec. Request, by a resident, for cement bases for the swings
and slide.

Agreed that in view of the present concern regarding accidents to children
in recreation grounds and, in particular, the danger of falling onto concrete
bases no action be taken.

Litter Bins.

The Clerk put the District Council's illustrated price list before the
Meeting. Agreed that this be passed to the Litter Sub-Committee.

Littleworth Green. Agreed that this required mowing. Mr.Turrell volunteered
to do this with an Allen Scythe which Mr.Audley Miller
said he could obtain on loan.

Guides' Clean Up. Mrs Dalton said that eleven large bags of rubbish had
been collected and proposed that Council be asked to
pay the Guides' ten pounds for their efforts as was done last year.
This was agreed and also that the Clerk should send a letter of thanks
to Mrs.Clarke.

Tree Planting Scheme. Mrs.Dalton had prepared a three year scheme. Six
copies were available. Mr.Turrell offered to obtain
enough copies to supply one to each Councillor. The Scheme would then be
submitted to Council for approval.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

The Clerk said that the mower was out of action for at least a week due
to the belt spindle being damaged by contacting metal rubbish in Church
Rd. rec. A tyre also had been cut by broken glass. A temporary vulcanised
repair had been made and a new tyre ordered.

As it was anticipated that Council would not meet in August, it was decided
that the Committee would hold no Meeting in July unless the Chairman
considered it necessary to do so. The next Meeting, unless this occurred,
would be at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 30th.August 1978.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed.

Caroline Mary Dalton 30th August, 1978.

WHEATLEY PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held Wednesday
30th. August 1978.

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PRESENT. Councillors Mrs.C.M.Dalton (Chairman), P.Audley Miller, P.H.Blake,
J.Brooks, Mrs.R.Quarterman, Mr.R.Turrell.

ABSENT. Councillors G.McGowan, F.A.Rooney

The Minutes of the Meeting held 20th.June 1978, which had been previously
circulated, were approved and signed.

MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM.

The Old Burial Ground. In view of the high estimated cost of flagging
or concreting the path to the War Memorial it was agreed that the Clerk
obtain an estimate to flag the entrance bay and that this be recommended
to Council.

Litter Bins. The Clerk said he had received requests for large bins to
be placed outside the shops in High St. and the fish shop. There were
no details of suitable bins in the District Council list.

Cllr. Audley Miller said he had seen some extremely good ones, which
would be suitable, in the Canterbury area and it was agreed that the
Clerk write to the Canterbury District Council for information on same.

The improvement in Mr.Poweel's site caused comment and it was agreed that
the Clerk write and thank Mr.Powell for his efforts.

Tree Grants. A reply had been received from the District Planning Officer
to the Clerk's application for a grant. This stated that he was impressed
with the proposed scheme but asked that, as some of the sites were on
County Council land, the Clerk approach the County Surveyor's Dept. for
permission and also Miss Janet Tassell of the County Planning Dept. for
grant aid. Upon receipt of their replies application could then be
made for a definite sum. The Clerk had written to both parties and
received a reply from the County Surveyor to the effect that he would
inspect the sites and then inform the Clerk if he had any objection to
the planting of trees thereon.

Cllr. Audley Miller said he would approach Miss Tassell.

Regarding the tree roots in Acremead Road the County Council had replied
that they could not afford to remove them.

Tree planting. Dr. Hassall to be asked to permit the planting of six
Ash trees along the boundary of his land adjoining the lane from
Littleworth Road.

Cllr. Audley Miller said that there was a hole in the Church Road
recreation ground wall that needed repair and also in the 'Lock Up'.
The Clerk said that it appeared impossible to obtain anyone to do this
type of small work but he would endeavour to get the repairs done as
soon as possible.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed.

20th September 1978. Caroline Mary Dalton.

WHEATLEY PARISH COUNCIL.

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held
Wednesday 20th. September 1978.

PRESENT. Councillors Mrs.C.M.Dalton, J.Brooks.

ABSENT. Councillors P.Audley Miller, P.H.Blake, G.McGowan, Mrs.R.Quarterman,
and Mr.R.Turrell.

Minutes of the Meeting held 30th. August 1978 were, after amendment, approved
and signed.

Amendment. Omitted from 'Matters Arising'. - Cllr.Blake reported he had
spoken to Mr.Taylor and Mr.Trinder and they were agreeable to the
proposed marking out of the High St. green on each side of the
existing access across the green. Mr.Taylor had volunteered to
do the work. The Committee agreed it be done with sunken elm
posts at 4' intervals; 1' above ground.

Church Rd. Recreation Ground. Mr.Davis was in process of repairing the seats
and would also attend to the wall and Old Lock
etc. He had repaired the swings in Cullam Rd. Rec. Mrs.Dalton said that the
rings in Church Rd. rec, needed attention, one top link was, in fact, broken.
The Clerk said he would ask Mr. Davis to also attend to this and check all the
rings.

London Rd. 'Bus Shelter. Work on this was nearing completion. A letter of
complaint had been received from Mr.R.Turner of
Roman Rd. It was agreed that Council be recommended to send the following
reply; "The present site was chosen by the Parish Council, with the approval
of the County Surveyor and Engineer, after local opinion had been taken into
account at the planning stage. Neither Authority considered that the shelter
would constitute a traffic hazard by impeding visibility. We would mention
that the shelter has been provided at the request of a number of Wheatley & Holton
residents who regularly use these bus and coach routes".

West Kept Village Competition. War Memorial.

The Clerk had received the Judges' Report which read as follows;
The memorial site on the old burial ground is a major scheme, well carried
out and in general well maintained. Stonework clean and in good condition,
lettering clear, and the whole site free from litter. Grass fairly well mown,
flower beds not fully weeded. The gate into High St, and the railings needed
attention. The new tree planting enhanced this attractive site and the seats
are in very good condition. 'Agreed that the Report be printed in the
'Newsletter' with an appropriate note of thanks to Mr.Jack Warland for his work.

By Other Business.

1978/79 Tree Planting. Agreed to recommend the purchase of 130 x 5' post for
tree protection and 100 x 6' support posts. Also 100 ties. The Clerk said
he would contact Messrs. Baynes regarding waste timber suitable for the tops
of the protection posts.

Agreed to recommend that the seat sited where the London Rd. shelter is in
process of erection be moved to High St. green.

Mrs. Dalton said that a resident in Kelly's Rd had asked that small trees be
planted at the end of the cul-de-sac. Agreed that Rowan or Holly would be suitable.
There being no further business the Meeting closed.

Caroline Mary Dalton

WHEATLEY PARISH COUNCIL.

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Open Spaces Committee Meeting
held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday the
25th. October
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PRESENT. Councillors Mrs. C.M.Dalton (Chairman), P.Audley Miller, P.H.Blake,
J.Brooks, G.McGowan, Mrs.R.Quarterman and Mr. R.Turrill.

APOLOGIES. Councillor F.A.Rooney.

Minutes of the Meeting held 20th. September 1978, which had been circulated,
were approved and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM.

1. Boundary posts for the High St. village green. Cllr. Blake to advise Clerk regarding type and numbered required.
2. London Rd. Bus Stop. Further letter received from Mr.R.Turner read and noted. Agreed the Clerk acknowledge receipt of same without comment. The Clerk said that Mr.Turner had also contacted the County Council who had, he understood, informed Mr. Turner that they saw ^{no} reason to ask the Parish Council to move the shelter.
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- Mrs. Dalton said that she had visited the shelter and it appeared that the metal ties were not securely fixed. The Clerk said he would notify the builders.
3. Tree Ties and Posts. The Clerk had a quotation for 100 ties from Messrs. Cramphorns. It was considered that the price quoted was too high. Cllr. Audley Miller advised that the Clerk contact the County Purchasing Officer regarding the possible purchase through the County.

CORRESPONDENCE.

1. Letter from the Area Surveyor, Mr.A.D.Turrill, stating that whilst road work was, at present, being carried out in the village he would arrange for the kerb to be laid opposite the Triangle. He also wished to discuss the widening of the footpath adjacent to the Post Office. The Clerk had informed Mr. Turrill that he, with Cllr. McGowan, would meet him at his convenience.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

1. The Clerk said that, with Cllr. McGowan, he had met representatives of the Police, the County Council and the Bus Company on the site to discuss a request for the moving of the bus stop opposite the Plough p.h. in London Rd. It was agreed that a hard base should be laid and kerbed and a modern and more visible 'Stop' sign erected.
2. The Clerk had a quotation for 7/8' Ash, Oak, Lime and London Plane trees, from Messrs. Cramphorns, at £4 each. Mrs. Dalton said she would contact the County Council to see if they had any available trees. In regard to the proposed planting of six Ash trees in Dr. Hassall's field the Clerk said he had obtained Dr. Hassall's permission and, at his request, also contacted the rentor of the field, Mr.R.Grieves, who also had no objection but advised that the trees be well protected in view of the use of the field for grazing cattle.

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C.M.D.

Continued.

Continuing on the subject of tree planting it was agreed that the Clerk order a roll of barbed wire from Messrs. Curtis and Horn. He would also contact the Clerk of Horspath Parish Council to suggest that trees be planted in Mr. Malin's field.

Agreed that the Clerk write to Mr. Latham, Land Agent for Magdalen College, and ask that the numerous dead Elms on Castle Hill Farm be replaced.

A copy of the letter to be sent to Mr. Grieves.

No further information had been received, regarding litter bins, from Canterbury Council. Suggested the Clerk write to the Canterbury City Engineer.

Mr. Turrell said that heavy lorries frequently missed the turning to Littleworth and continued up Old Rd. He asked that 'Littleworth' be added to the signpost opposite the old railway bridge. Agreed.

Noted that the 'Bell Lane' sign was missing at the junction with High St. District Council to be notified.

Mrs. Dalton expressed the need for a seat adjacent to the School in Littleworth Rd. and suggested that possibly the school would make one, as a project, if the Council supplied the material. Agreed that the Clerk write to Mr. D. John.

Mrs. Quarterman asked if the Committee could always meet at seven o'clock. This was agreed.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed.

Caroline Mary Dalton.

22nd November, 1978.

WHEATLEY PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held
Wednesday 22nd. November 1978

PRESENT. Councillors Mrs.C.M.Dalton (Chairman), P.Audley Miller, P.H.Blake,
J.Brooks, G.McGowan, Mrs.R.Quarterman, F.A.Rooney, Mr.R.Turrell.

Minutes of the Meeting held 25th. October 1978 were approved and signed.

MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM.

- 1. London Rd. Bus Shelter. The seat had now been installed and the roof ties secured.
- 2. Tree Ties. Lower quotation in the sum of £16 per hundred now received. Agreed to recommend that these be purchased.
- 3. Litter Bins. Two types approved in the catalogues now available. The Clerk to ascertain if the District Council would pay half of cost.
- 4. High St. Village Green. Green posts to be used. Councillors Mrs.Dalton and Mr.Brooks consider the number required.
- 5. Trees in Mr. Malin's field. The Clerk to again contact Horspath Parish Clerk regarding this.

CORRESPONDENCE.

- 1. Tree Planting Exhibition. Cllr. Mrs Dalton had attended this and it was hoped that the Council would receive ten oak trees free as the result.
- 2. Christmas Tree. The Forestry Officer for Magdalen College was contacting the Clerk re this. Agreed the Clerk telephone him re date of delivery. Mrs. Quarterman volunteered to clear out the support hole in front of the Merry Bells.
- 3. Tree Planting. The Clerk to endeavour to arrange a meeting with Mr. Fletcher, of the County Council, for advice on alternative sites in place of those to which he objected.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Offer by Mr.R.Davis to give a tree. He had suggested a Silver Birch. The Clerk to order this from Blenheim Estates. Cllr. Mrs.Dalton to ask Mr. Davis'approval for it to be planted on Littleworth Green.

The Clerk to obtain the consent of the District Council for a flowering tree to be planted in front of Window's Court.

Cllr. Brooks asked that a meeting of the Working Party,formed to discuss street cleaning,be arranged.

After deciding to next meet on Wednesday 20th. December at 7 p.m. the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

Caroline Mary Dalton. 20th December, 1978

WHEATLEY PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held Wednesday
20th. December 1978

SENT. Councillors Mrs.C.M.Dalton (Chairman), P.Audley Miller, J.Brooks,
F.A.Rooney, Mrs.R.Quarterman, and Mr.R.Turrell.

LOGIES. Councillors P.H.Blake, G.McGowan.

Minutes of the Meeting held 22nd. November 1978 were approved and signed.

TERS ARISING THEREFROM.

Litter Bins. District Council were not prepared to make a grant towards
the cost of the type chosen as they were not on their official
list. Agreed to purchase three of type 607 as approved by
the District Council.

Flowering Tree for Windows Court. Permission had been granted by the
Housing Officer for the District Council.

High St. Village Green. Cllrs Brooks had viewed the site and it was agreed,
at his suggestion, to purchase 38 x 2ft. x 4" posts
from Mr. K.Watts and ask him to insert them a foot deep at the positions
shown him by Cllr. Brooks who would meet him on the site.

Tree Sites on County Council Land. Cllr.Mrs.Dalton had met Mr.Fletcher, of
the County Council, and agreed sites.
These were on the corners of Ieyshon Rd. and Roman Rd., Miller Rd. and
Roman Rd., Ambrose Rise and the cul-de-sac. Eleven trees in total.

RESPONDENCE.

Reply from Mr.Thompson, of Wheatley Park School, stating that his pupils
could not undertake the making of the suggested seat.

Letter from the Chief Planning Officer of the District Council re Tree Planting
Grants stating that the sum of £150 had been allocated towards this years
budget, but that in view of the fact that the Parish Council only received
a grant of £25 last year towards an expensive and well planned sceme, a
further £100 would be made available. These grants were, of course, subject
to a satisfactory report following inspection and submission of receipts
for monies spent to at least the amount stated.

Report from the Dept. of the Environment on "Improved safety on recreation
grounds". Passed to the Committee Chairman at her request.

Letter from Mr.J.Brooks re subsidence of Church Rd. recreation ground and it's
effect on his garden fence. Agreed that Mr.K.Watts be asked to lessen the
angle of the slope of the ground concerned by digging away.

CEPT.

After studying figures supplied by the Clerk it was decided to precept for
£1,500 for the financial year commencing 1st.April 1979. This was on the
basis that the expense of the Sports Field be removed from the Committee
precept and passed to the General Purposes Committee.

continued.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Cllr. Audley Miller suggested that the Clerk contact Mr. Taylor, the County Chief Playing Fields Officer, regarding the possibility of the County taking over the mowing of Church Rd and Cullam Rd. recreation grounds.

Cllr. Audley Miller said he wished to present the Council with three Oak trees; one Red Oak, one Evergreen Oak and one Old English Oak. The Chairman thanked him and said the Committee would be pleased to accept the trees.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed.

Next Meeting 7p.m. on Wednesday 24th. January 1979.

R. P. Jewell
24/1/79

Open Spaces Committee

Minutes of the meeting of 24th January, 1979

Present Bob Turrell (in the Chair), John Brooks, Gerry McGowan,
Ruth Quartermain

Apologies Peter Audley-Miller, Caroline Dalton

1.0 Minutes of 20.12.78

These were approved and signed after amendment to add Cllr. Dalton's name as having viewed the Green with Cllr. Brooks.

2.0 Matters Arising

2.1 Litter Bins

No information on previously agreed purchases.

Agreed to recommend purchase of 2 further 607s as replacements for Lower School and Youth Centre sites.

No information on previously agreed letter to Lavell's requesting provision of a large bin at the newsagents.

2.2 Wheatley Green

No information on approach to Ken Watts.

2.3 Church Road Rec.

No information on approach to Ken Watts.

2.4 Rec. Mowing

No information on approach to O C C.

3.0 Tree Planting

3.1 Cllr. Brooks read Cllr. Dalton's report, detailing trees ordered and received.

3.2 Agreed her suggestion that the Clerk should write to Dorothy Tombs, owner of the field opposite Cramphorns, asking her to allow the hedgerow timber to grow.

4.0 Any Other Business

4.1 Addition of 'Littleworth' to sign at bottom of Old Road welcomed.

4.2 Noted that no estimate for flagging the entrance bay to the Old Burial Ground had materialised (Open Spaces Minutes, 24.5.78).

4.3 Culham Road Rec.

Noted Cllr. Dalton's enquiry revealing that parents did accompany children playing there. Agreed to recommend that the seat therefore be repaired.

John Brooks
24.1.79

Caroline Mary Dalton, 21st Feb. 1979.

WHEATLEY PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held Wednesday
21st. February
1979.
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PRESENT. Councillors Mrs.C.M.Dalton, P.Audley Miller, J.Brooks, G.McGowan,
F.A.Rooney, Mrs.R.Quarterman.

ABSENT. Councillor P.H.Blake and Mr.R.Turrell.

Minutes of the Meeting held 24th. January 1979 were approved and signed.

MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM.

High St. Green. The Clerk had met Mr.K.Watts on site and explained what was required. Mr. Watts would meet Cllrs. J.Brooks and Mrs. Dalton on the site on the next Saturday morning re exact positioning of the posts. Mr.Watts informed the Clerk that he had obtained a number of 3"x3" oak posts which, cut into the lengths required,would he suggested be suitable. Agreed that the oak posts be used.

Subsidence on Church Rd. recreation ground. Mr.K.Watts had agreed to undertake the required work.

Mowing of Recreation Grounds. The Clerk had telephoned and then written to Mr.G.Taylor of the County Playing Fields Service and was awaiting his reply.

Damage to mower. Cllr. P.Audley Miller had now seen the damaged mower and recommended that the Council accept the sum of £150 from the Insurers and retain the salvage.

Further to the mowing of the recreation grounds, it was suggested that the Clerk approach Mr.Harley of Windmill Lane and Mr.Costar of Old Rd. both of whom,it was understood, undertook contract mowing.

Church Rd. recreation Ground gates and the proposed paving of the entrance to the Old Burial Ground. In reply to the Chairman the Clerk said that he had heard no more from Mr.P.Dennis regarding this work. The Clerk would contact Mr. Dennis and ascertain if he was still prepared to carry out the work.

RESPONSES.

From Mrs.Smith, 20, Templars Close. Request for a swing on Church Rd. rec. suitable for small children.

Agreed to recommend the purchase of suitable swings. The Clerk to consider the most suitable site on the recreation ground.

Best Kept Village Competition. Agreed that the War Memorial be entered in the appropriate section of the competition. Details of the Tree Planting Competition were passed to the Chairman.

P.T.O.

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OTHER BUSINESS.

The Chairman reported that twelve trees had now been planted in Dr. Hassall's field.

Fifteen *Salix caprea* and thirteen *Populus robusta* had been ordered from T. Hilling and Co. Ltd. and the advice note received.

The Chairman said the Clerk had informed that, to date, £187 had been spent on trees and tree planting.

At the suggestion of Councillor P. Audley Miller it was agreed that a mature tree be obtained from Blenheim Nurseries to be planted at the junction of the Holton fly-over and London Rd.

Agreed that the Clerk approach Mr. Davis regarding the repair of the seat in Cullam Rd. recreation ground.

The Clerk said he had met Mr. Greaves, of Castle Hill Farm, and been assured that he and Mr. Greaves Snr. would co-operate regarding the planting of trees on their land.

Agreed that the Clerk contact Magdalen College regarding this and the possibility of obtaining trees from the College Forester.

Cllr. Audley Miller said he would like to suggest that a major effort be made to clean up the churchyard, possibly by putting it out to contract. He would like this to be put on the agenda for the next Council Meeting. This was agreed.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed.

Caroline Mary Dalton

21st March, 1979.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held Wednesday
21st. March 1979.

SENT. Councillors Mrs.C.M.Dalton (Chairman), P.H.Blake, J.Brooks, Mrs.R.Quarterman,
F.A.Rooney.

LOGIES. Councillors P.Audley Miller, G.McGowan, and Mr.R.Turrell.

Minutes of the Meeting held 21st. February 1979 were approved and signed.

TERS ARISING THEREFROM.

High St. Green. Cllrs. Mrs.Dalton and J.Brooks had discussed this with
Mr. and Mrs.Taylor and mutually agreed to plant four May
trees with a limited number of posts.

Subsidence at Church Rd. Recreation Ground. The Clerk had been informed by
the Area Surveyor that Mr.Hayes
from the County Laborities would arrange to visit the rec. with the Clerk
and then advise regarding, what he considered, the best method of dealing
with this matter.

Damaged Mower. The Clerk reported that the mower was in course of repair
by Mr.Costar of 27, Old Rd. He would also carry out future
maintenance and repairs.

Old Burial Ground. Cllr. Blake said that Mr.Ian Roberts had offered to
repair the High St. wall, at a nominal figure, whilst
repairing and rebuilding the boundary wall between his property and the
Burial Ground. The Clerk asked that an estimate be made in writing and to
include the re-hanging of the gate and laying of slabs in the entrance bay

E PLANTING.

Cllr. Mrs. Dalton reported that;

1. A North *Fagus Obliqua* had been ordered for the Holton Turn site.
2. A *Cotoneaster Frigida* for Windows Court.
3. A *Picea Abies* had been planted at Park Hill.
4. The 28 trees ordered from Messrs. Hillings Nurseries had been received
and would shortly, weather permitting, be planted.
5. It was proposed to plant four Hawthorns on the High St. green.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Cllr. Blake complained regarding the continuing vandalising of the High St.
toilets and considered that Council should again ask that gates be fitted
to enable the toilets to be closed at night. He, with others, would arrange
for the opening and closing, at suitable times, of the gates.

The Clerk was asked to complain to the District Council regarding their
failure to empty the street litter bins and also regarding the possibility
of a 'Bottle Bank' being installed at the Solo Supermarket.

The Clerk suggested that the seat at present outside The Merry Bells be
replaced adjacent to the new bus shelter in London Rd. Agreed.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed.

2-5-1979. Caroline Mary Dalton.

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WHEATLEY PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held at 7 p.m.
Wednesday 2nd. May
1979.

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PRESENT. Councillors Mrs.C.M.Dalton (Chairman), P.Audley Miller, P.H.Blake,
J.Brooks, G.McGowan, F.A.Rooney, Mrs.R.Quarterman,
Mr.R.Turrell.

Minutes of the Meeting held 2nd. May 1979, having been previously circulated,
were approved and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM

- I. High St. Green. Cllr. Mrs. Dalton said the four May trees had not yet
been received.
2. Subsidence at Church Rd. Recreation Ground. The Clerk had not, to date,
received the advice promised by the County Surveyor Soil Analyst.
3. Repair of the Damaged Mower. Mr.Costar had informed the Clerk that he
was awaiting delivery of a new carburetor. He had already received two
but both were of the wrong type.

MATTERS PASSED TO THE COMMITTEE BY THE PARISH COUNCIL.

- I. Replacement of London Rd. wooden 'bus shelter. Agreed that a stone
shelter, to the same plans as the shelter recently erected on the
opposite side of London Rd. be built. The Clerk to obtain tenders.
Cllr. Blake said that the roof of the Church Rd. shelter was being
damaged by vandals and needed repair. The Clerk to arrange for the
necessary repairs to be carried out.
2. The Old Burial Ground. Agreed that the path edgings be re-set and the
path and entrance bay improved by removing the loose gravel and laying
the correct type of binding gravel. The hedges be removed and replaced
by ten shrubs.
3. Seat outside The Merry Bells Community Hall. The Clerk said he had
arranged for the seat placed in front of the Hall whilst the London Rd.
bus shelter was being built to be replaced. Agreed that it be placed
at the 'bus stop bay on the north side of London Rd. Regarding the
proposal to place a permanent seat outside the Hall it was agreed that
the Clerk obtain prices, preferably of the concrete and wood type.

CORRESPONDENCE.

- I. Litter Bins. The Clerk had received a brochure from the manufacturers
recommended by the County Council but the type required was not shown
therein. Cllr. Mrs.Dalton agreed to approach the County Council to
ascertain if they would be prepared to sell three of the type concerned
to the Parish Council. The Clerk would again contact the District
Technical Officer regarding the new advertising matter that the Technical
Officer had previously told him they were awaiting.

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Correspondence cont.

1. Bottle Bank. The Clerk had received a reply from the District Council, regarding the possibility of providing a Bottle Bank at the 'Solo' Supermarket, stating that discussions were taking place with the County Council and promising further information when a decision had been reached.
2. High St. Lavatories. Reply from the District Council to the Parish Council's request that these be locked up at night. The District Council stated that, when the Parish Council had suggested that this be done in September 1976 it had been decided that no action be taken but that the Parish Council be thanked for their offer to be responsible for the opening and closing of the lavatories. It was the Chief Technical Officer's opinion that circumstances had not altered significantly since then and there was no justification for referring this matter for further discussion by the Committee concerned

Agreed that this decision was not satisfactory and that the two District Councillors due to be elected be asked to pressurise the Chief Technical Officer and the Committee concerned to reconsider their decision.

3. Street Sweeping. Letter from Mr. J.H. Hardwicke, Hon. Sec. of the O.A.L.C., stating that if a street sweeper was employed at a salary of £60 per week the Parish Council would have to pay a National Insurance contribution of £8.13 per week.
The letter continued that, since 1st April 1979, the District Council had taken over wider responsibilities for street cleaning but this would have little effect unless greater funds became available.
Mr. Hardwicke finally suggested that the Parish Council might care to follow up the idea of entering into some kind of contract arrangement with the District Council for street sweeping.
Agreed that the Clerk approach the Chief Technical Officer for the District Council regarding this suggestion.
4. Additional Swings for Church Rd. Recreation Ground. The Clerk had received two catalogues of recreation equipment. Agreed to purchase, from Messrs. Wicksteed, one set of four swings, type D 388. These to be fitted with two cradle seats and two tyre seats.

TREE PLANTING REPORT.

Cllr. Mrs. Dalton reported that the tree for Holton Turn site had now been received but not yet planted. The tree for Window's Court had been planted as had the tree for Park Hill. The 28 trees had been received from Messrs. Hillings and all planted.

83 trees had been planted this season and 40 last season. It was hoped to plant a further 50 next season. The County Council had agreed all sites where it had been necessary to consult and obtain their permission. It was agreed to consult the County Landscape Officer regarding trees for next season and obtain his advice regarding sites for further planting.

Agreed that the Clerk write to Mr. Roy Davis and express the Council's thanks and appreciation for the gift of trees made by him.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

1. The Clerk said he had approached Mr. Don Jones regarding the mowing of the recreation grounds this season. As the Committee were aware, when in the past Mr. Jones had done the mowing he had also maintained the mower and, when necessary, sharpened the cutter blades. This he would do again. The Clerk pointed out that the payment of £120 for the season's work represented a very low hourly rate and suggested that the Committee considered increasing this. It was agreed to recommend that the payment be increased to £150 for the season. The Clerk said he was sure Mr. Jones would accept this.
2. Agreed to consider the landscaping of the Brookside Path.
3. Cllr. Audley Miller considered that the Council should consider a policy for administrating the old railway cutting grounds. Agreed that the Committee should view the site before the next meeting of the Parish Council.
4. Cllr. Brooks referred to complaints regarding motor cyclists riding on, and dogs fouling, Cullam Rd. rec. Agreed that this be mentioned in the 'newsletter' and witnesses asked to 'phone the Police or the Parish Clerk. The 'Newsletter' to stress that the Council would nothesitate to prosecute offenders.
5. Reference was made to the condition of the land at the footpath leading from Station Rd. to Farm Close Id. Agreed that the Clerk ask Messrs. Pye to clean up this eyesore. It was suggested that, at a later date, Messrs. Pye be asked to dedicate this land to the Parish Council.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed.

Caroline Mary Dalton 20th May, 1979.