

WHEATLEY PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held at 7 p.m.  
Wednesday 20th. June 1979.

PRESENT. Councillors P.H.Blake, J.Brooks, Mrs.C.M.Dalton, G.T.Hanks, Mrs.r.Quarterman,  
Mr.R.Turrell.

Apologies. Cllr. J.S.Wilkinson.

Meeting opened with Cllr. Mrs.Dalton in the Chair.

RESOLUTION OF CHAIRMAN. Proposed by Cllr.Mrs.Dalton; 'That Cllr.Wilkinson be elected  
Chairman, subject to his acceptance of Office'.  
Seconded and carried.

RESOLUTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN. Proposed by Cllr. Blake; 'That Cllr. Mrs.Dalton be  
elected Vice-Chairman'. Seconded and carried.

In the absence of the Elected Chairman, Cllr.Mrs.Dalton took the Chair,  
Minutes of the Meeting held 2nd. May 1979 were approved and signed.

MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM.

The four May trees had now been received and planted on the High St. Green.  
Complaint was received of cars again parking on the Green. Cllrs. Brooks  
and Mrs.Dalton to visit the site <sup>The Clerk to</sup> and contact Mr.Trinder as it was considered  
the cars could belong to his employees. As a last resort posts to be erected  
between the trees as previously agreed.

Cllr. Blake said the minor repairs made to the Church Rd. bus shelter were  
not satisfactory. Agreed that the roof be examined to ascertain if major  
repairs are required.

Subsidence at Church Rd. Recreation Ground. The Clerk had visited the site  
with Mr.Hayes from the County Council Laboratories. It was Mr.  
Hayes opinion: : that a satisfactory solution to the problem would be to  
re-grade the slope to 1 in 2½ and then,if considered necessary, plant the  
type of retaining grass as used on the motorway embankments.

The Old Burial Ground. Cllr. Blake had not yet received the estimate, from  
Mr. Ian Roberts, for the work suggested.  
As, due to his recent illness, Mr.Warland had been unable to remove the  
hedges as agreed, it was considered that they could be left until the autumn.

Seat outside the Merry Bells. This had not been moved to London Rd. as Mr.  
Watts had recently met with an accident and was still unable to work.  
Suitable seats were chosen, from the 'Game & Playtime' catalouge for  
replacement outside the Merry Bells and the Clerk would obtain current prices.

Litter Bins. The Clerk had now received a catalogue from Messrs.Roto-Plastics,  
makers of the type used by the City Council.  
Resolved. - That three Free Standing litter bins be purchased at a price of  
£15.20 each. Colour grey.

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MTERS ARTISING (cont).

Street Sweeping. Letter from Cllr. Wilkinson giving the results of his investigation in ways and means of improving street sweeping in Wheatley. Resolved.- That the information be passed to the Litter Sub-Committee.

Additional Swings for Church Rd. Recreation Ground. The Clerk had received a reply from Messrs.En-tout-cas quoting prices for the type of swings required.

Resolved.- To order Type D388 at a price of £232.99 plus v.a.t.

Tree Planting. Cllr.Hanks agreed to contact Mr.Jack Hanks regarding the retaining of any existing saplings in the hedge, bordering London Rd., of the field that he farmed. Alternatively to ascertain if he would be agreeable for trees to be planted in the hedge.

The Clerk agreed to contact the Forestry Officer to obtain his help in ensuring that the trees growing along the sides of the brook on the north side of London Rd. were not removed.

The Chairman said that the Committee should now consider ordering trees for the next year's programme.

Resolved To recommend that trees to the value of £120 be ordered.

RESPONDENCE.

Letter from Mrs. Margaret Bunyard, on behalf of Action Research for the Crippled Child, asking for permission to hold a Teddy Bears' Picnic on Church Rd. recreation ground on July 5th. from 2pm. to 4pm.

Resolved. That in view of the requested date following so soon after the next Council Meeting and plus the fact that Council made no objection to a similar event last year that permission be given.

Y OTHER BUSINESS.

Complaints were still being made regarding dogs being exercised on the recreation grounds and the consequent fouling of the grounds.

Agreed that the Clerk should ascertain the cost of notices reading, in three onch letters; Childrens Playground. No Dogs. No Motor Cycles.

The Clerk said that it was obvious that Mr. Don Jones was not happy with the rate of pay he received for mowing the recreation grounds. In a normal summer it was necessary to cut the grass at least once a week. This took approximately six to seven hours and was done at week ends or evenings. It was agreed that the Finance Committee be asked to consider the matter of the rate of pay that was offered to the people who gave up their spare time to undertake the jobs that were too small for larger firms to consider.

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

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WHEATLEY PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held at 7.30p.m.  
Wednesday 25th. July  
1979.

PRESENT. Councillors J.S.Wilkinson (Chairman), P.H.Blake, J.E.Brooks.

APOLOGIES. Councillors Mrs.C.M.Dalton, G.T.Hanks, Mrs.R.Quarterman, Mr.R.Turrell.

Before declaring the Meeting open the Chairman suggested that Mrs.J.M.Hogg, who had asked to be present, address the Committee. Agreed.

Mrs.Hogg said that she wished to propose the formation of a Community Scheme for all age groups which would include a Holiday Play Scheme. She had attended a Course arranged by the National Playing Fields Association and gave the Committee a brochure giving details and suggestions.

The scheme, as she saw it, would cater for all ages and provide indoor and outdoor interests. The outdoor attractions would include adventure playgrounds with fixed and/or unfixed equipment.

A major problem was indoor accommodation.

The Chairman said the Committee would explore the possible use of the Old Fire Station; Bell Lane building or the Youth Centre, and arrange for the proposed scheme to be considered by the Parish Council.

The Minutes of the Meeting held 20th. June 1979 were, after amendment, approved and signed by the Chairman.

Amendment. Paragraph One. 'Matters Arising Therefrom'. That the words; "Cllrs. Brooks and Mrs.Dalton to visit the site and contact" be deleted and replaced with "the Clerk to write to".

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

1. Parking on High St. Green. The Clerk said he had, in fact, written to Mr. Trinder regarding this complaint on the 5th. July but, to date, received no reply. Cllr. Brooks said that this matter should be kept under review.
2. Church Rd. 'Bus Shelter - Damaged Roof. The Clerk had received an estimate for the cost of repair in the sum of £54. Agreed this be approved.
3. Subsidence at Church Rd. Recreation Ground. Agreed that the Clerk arrange for Mr.K.Watts to meet members of the Committee, on the site, at 7p.m. week commencing 6th. August to discuss this matter and also the condition of the old trees on this recreation ground and Farm Close recreation ground.
4. Old Burial Ground. It was reported that Mr.Chick, Landlord of the King and Queen P.H., had, at intervals, hosed down the footpath in front of his premises and also watered the plants and flowers in the Ground. Cllr.Blake said that he thought that Mr.Chick should be thanked. Agreed.
5. Seats outside The Merry Bells. The Clerk had ascertained the price of the type of seats considered. This was £123 each plus v.a.t. The Committee considered that this expense was not warranted and it was agreed that, after the London Road 'bus seat had been removed, the other wooden one be allowed to remain. If this proved inadequate an additional matching seat be purchased.

P.T.O.

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MATTERS ARISING (cont.)

- 6. Litter Bins. The Clerk had written to the District Treasurer asking for consideration of a grant towards the cost of the three bins on order. The Treasurer had agreed.
- 7. Street Sweeping. The Clerk had received a reply, from the District Chief Technical Officer, stating that, if the Parish Council decided to provide it's own street sweeping staff and accept the grant of £330 per annum offered, the District Council would still continue to empty the litter bins and do the four times a year mechanical sweeping service for all the kerbed roads in the village. This information to be passed to the Litter and Street Cleansing Sub-Committee.
- 8. Childrens Swings for Church Rd, Recreation Ground. The firm from whom these were ordered had telephoned the Clerk stating that a mistake had been made in the price quoted which should be, in fact, £276.60. The Clerk had complained at this increase and the firm had eventually agreed to supply the swings at a price of £256.20
- 9. Tree Grant. The Clerk reported that he had met Mr.Nall, the District Forestry Officer, and conducted him around the village to view the trees planted. Mr.Nall, to whom the Clerk had given a list of all monies spent since 5th.April 1978, had promised to recommend the grant be made.
- 10. Cllr. Hanks not being present the Committee awaited his report of his agreed meeting with Mr.Jack Hanks.
- 11. The three new notices for the recreation grounds had been received and the Clerk said he would arrange for them to be erected.

CORRESPONDENCE.

- 1. From Messrs. En-tout-cas. Details of safety surfaces, and sample, with leaflet on Safety in Play Areas. Agreed that the Committee ascertain the extent of the areas in the recreation grounds where some form of safety surface would be advisable.
- 2. From South Oxfordshire District Council. Copy of 'Policy for Recreation'.
- 3. Bus Shelter - London Road. The Clerk had contacted Mr.Wood, of the County Council Highways Dept., to ascertain if it was necessary to submit plans for the shelter and to notify the various Undertakers. Mr.Wood had informed him that, as the shelter was a replacement of the wooden one, this proceedure was not required but simply to notify the Area Surveyor of the Parish Council's intention. This the Clerk had done and his letter had been acknowledged by the Area Surveyor.
- 4. Church Road. - Grass Banks. The Clerk had complained to the Area Surveyor regarding the state of these banks. The Area Surveyor had replied that they had now received attention.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Cullam Recreation Ground. - It was considered that the 'see-saw' was potentially dangerous and perhaps should be replaced by something more modern. In regard to the complaints of footballs being kicked into the neighbouring gardens it was appreciated that the only answer was fencing. The cost of this would obviously be extremely high and it was decided to approach the District Council with this problem as the owners of the ground.

It was suggested and agreed that the Committee should meet the local residents on the site to discuss methods of improving the site and to hear complaints. A meeting should therefore be advertised for 7p.m. on Wednesday 22nd. August to be held on the recreation ground. The Clerk would prepare notices.

Noted that the Church Road recreation ground wall needed attention at the corner adjacent to the Lock Up and a repair to the Lock Up was also required.

Cllr. Brooks, referring to the recent walking of the footpaths, said that notices were required at the 'T' junction beyond Castle Hill Farm and at the commencement of the footpath by Robinsons Stores in Littleworth Road. He suggested that copies of the footpaths map should be made available and agreed to obtain an enlarged copy of the Clerk's existing map.

Noted that the road sign at Keydale Road required replacement.

In regard to the constant complaints of the fouling, by dogs, of the footpaths Cllr. Brooks suggested that copies of a notice, drawing attention to this problem, be obtained and distributed. He suggested that he approached Mr. M. Jones to prepare a suitable notice. This was agreed.

Suggested that all the roadside and recreation ground seats should be checked for necessary repairs. Agreed that this could be done after the meeting with Mr. Watts in August.

The Clerk said he was meeting Mr. Read, of the County Highways Department, at 10 a.m. on Friday 27th. July in Church Road to consider the traffic and parking problems in that road.

He had also been informed of a broken sewer in the gravel section of Roman Road on the previous Saturday evening. When he viewed it he found sewage was commencing to flood the centre area of Mr. Hanks' field where Mr. Hanks was hay-making. The Clerk had informed the Sewer Emergency Department and repairs were still continueing

There being no further business and having agreed that the Committee would not meet in August, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed.

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WHEATLEY PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held at 7.30 p.m. Wednesday 9th. September 1979.

Present. Councillors:- J. S. Wilkinson (Chairman), P. H. Blake, J. E. Brooks, Mrs. C. M. Dalton, G. T. Hanks, Mrs. I. R. Quarterman, Mr. R. Turell.

Minutes of the Meeting held 25th. July 1979 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM.1. Parking on High Street Green.

As this was still continueing, despite the Clerk's letter to Mr. Trinder, the Chairman said he would personally approach Mr. Trinder. If the meeting had no effect it was agreed the Committee would consider the use of posts and, possibly, connecting chains.

2. Subsidence on Church Road recreation ground.

The Clerk was arranging a meeting on the site with Mr. R. Powell to obtain a second tender. Councillors J. Brooks and J. Wilinon said they would endeavour to attend the meeting when arranged.

3. Litter Bins.

The Clerk said that as he had received no acknowledgement of his order to Roto Plastics, dated 25th. June, he had written to cancel the order as the type of bin required could now be obtained from the District Council.

4. Street Sweeping.

Mr. J. Warland had informed the Clerk he would be agreeable to do six hours a week at £1.50p. per hour. The only equipment he would require would be a broom, mac, wellingtons and a supply of plastic sacks.

If Council wished to employ him, on this casual basis, an early reply was essential as he had been offered other work in thevillage. He would, however, prefer to work for the Parish Council. Agreed this be passed to the Finance Committee for consideration.

Tree Grant from District Council.

The full sum of £250 had been received and the Clerk had written letters of thanks to Mr. Nall, the Forestry Officer, and to the District Council Treasurer.

Tree Planting in Roman Road.

Councillor Hanks reported he had now contacted Mr. J. Hanks who said he had no objection to trees being planted in the corners of the field.

C.M.D.

2.

afety Surfaces in Recreation Grounds.

It was agreed that in view of the cost of the type of carpeting recommended the expense was not warranted.

ullam Road Recreation Ground.

The Clerk had written to the District Council Treasurer asking that consideration be given to fencing the area. Reply received stating that the Clerk's letter had been referred to the Chief Housing Officer to enable him to raise the matter with the Housing Committee.

Residents present at the meeting, on the recreation ground, on the 22nd. August had asked that a small slide be installed for the younger children, and a litter bin be placed in the rec.

It was agreed to recommend this to Council.

The Committee would, however, also investigate the possibility of replacing the see-saw with a climbing frame incorporating a slide.

The Chairman said he would ask the Wheatley Venture Group to draw up a plan for an adventure course.

The Clerk reported that:-

- a. Mr. K. Watts had been instructed to fell and remove the dying tree on Church Road rec.
- b. The repair of all saats was proceeding.
- c. The seat adjacent to the bus stop on the north side of London Road had been cemented in.

Councillor Brooks said he had received requests that a street name plate be erected at the access to the cul-de-sac opening off Farm Close Road. Agreed the Clerk request District Council to erect one, preferably giving the numbers of the houses therein.

Mr. Turwell referred to the pile of rubble on the footpath adjacent to the Mancr House. It was believed this was left by the builders who recently carried out work at 27/29 High Street. The Clerk to write to the Occupier and request the removal of same.

Councillor Dalton said the wire basket in the litter bin on Church Road rec. was damaged beyond repair. Agreed that, as this also applied to a second basket, the Clerk obtain two replacements.

C.M.D.

3.

Councillor Blake complained of the dangerous practice of youngsters cycling on the footpath in High Street and using the area around the walled tree bed as a sid-pan.

Agreed that mention of this and the danger to pedestrians as well as the children themselves be made in the 'Newsletter'.

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

Next Meeting. - 7.30 p.m. Wednesday 24th. October 1979.

*Caroline Mary Dalton.*

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WHEATLEY PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held at 7.30 p.m.  
Wednesday 24th. October 1979.

SENT. Councillors P.H.Blake, J.E.Brooks, Mrs.C.M.Dalton.

LOGIES. Councillors G.T.Hanks, Mrs.I.R.Quarterman, J.S.Wilkinson, Mr.R.Turrell.

In the absence of Cllr. Wilkinson, Cllr.Mrs.C.M.Dalton took the Chair.

Minutes of the Meeting held 19th. September 1979 were approved and signed.

MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM.

Parking on High St. Green. Cllr. Brooks said he understood that Cllr. Wilkinson was still endeavouring to contact Mr. Trinder.

Subsidence on Church Rd. Recreation Ground. In view of the cost as shown in the estimates received it was agreed to consider the possibility of replacing the complainant's wooden fence with a cement structure.

Litter Bins and Street Sweeping. The Clerk said that these items were on the agenda for discussion at the meeting he had arranged with Mr.Rayment, of the District Council Technical Services, on Wednesday next, the 31st. inst., which the Chairman, Cllr. Brooks, would also attend.

Cullam Rd. Recreation Ground. Matters concerning this ground would also be discussed with Mr. Rayment.

Agreed to consider the erection of a small slide. The Clerk to obtain details of a suitable type from two firms; i.e. B.Hirst and 'Game & Playtime'.

It was understood that the Venture <sup>UNIT</sup> Group were considering an Adventure Course.

OTHER BUSINESS.

The unsafe tree had been felled, in Church Rd. Rec' and removed.

Cllr. Brooks suggested that Mr.Warland be asked to cut back the undergrowth at the entrance paths to Cullam Rd. Rec'.

Cllr. Mrs. Dalton suggested that the double yellow lines be extended in ~~the new way~~ adjacent to the Fire Station. Agreed that this could not be done until the building became vacant on the removal of the crew to the new building. The Clerk said he would ask the Chief Officer to ensure that cars were only parked outside the station when the crew were answering an emergency.

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

NEXT MEETING. - 7.30 p.m. WEDNESDAY 21st. NOVEMBER 1979.

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WHEATLEY PARISH COUNCIL.

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Wednesday 21st. November 1979.

PRESENT. Councillors J.S.Wilkinson (Chairman), J.E.Brooks, Mrs.C.M.Dalton,  
G.T.Hanks, Mrs.R.Quarterman, and Mr.R.Turrell.

APOLOGIES. Councillor P.H.Blake.

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

MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM.

1. Parking on High St. Green. Cllr. Wilkinson had approached Mr. Trinder who had agreed to co-operate and Cllr. Wilkinson said he would now approach Mr.Trinder junior.
2. Litter bins and street sweeping. Cllrs. Brooks and Wilkinson with the Clerk had met Mr.Nye of the District Council Technical Services on the morning of 21st. November. The following items were established;
  - (a) No street sweeping is done, by the District Council, in Wheatley.
  - (b) The District Council were obligated to empty litter bins as authorised by them. The Clerk said that the bins in Church Road had not been emptied for at least two weeks. Mr.Nye said he would take this up as they should be emptied each Monday unless some emergency prevented this.
  - (c) Agreed that seven of the type 'F' bins should be purchased and be placed as follows; 2 at the Newsagents, 1 at the Co-op, 1 at The Railway Inn, 3 at the High St. shops. The 2 at the newsagents and the 3 at the shops to be classed as replacements.

Cllr. Wilkinson said he would approach the owner of Robinson's Stores and see if an advertising litter bin could be obtained for placing outside the shop. It was also considered that a bin was required adjacent to the Lower School and perhaps the school authorities could be asked to provide one.

Mr.Nye said that no cash subsidy towards the cost of bins would be available until the 1st. April 1980. He was asked if the Parish Council bought the bins at this date would the District Council be prepared to pay the subsidy in April? He was unable to answer this and it was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Chief Technical Officer on this point.

- (d) The Clerk said that the grant offered towards street sweeping was based on the 1976/77 Product of a Penny Rate. If the P.R.P for 1977/78 was used the grant should be increased by approximately £30. He also asked if the amount would increase in the future as the P.R.P increased. Mr.Nye could not answer so, again, it was decided that the Clerk approach the Chief Technical Officer.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND.

That the Council accept the grant offered by the District Council and extend the street sweeping hours.

P.Y.O.



e) Cullam Rd. Recreation Ground.  
Resolved to Recommend.

That the Parish Council purchase, from 'Game & Playtime', a small slide. Model 7617 at a cost of £381.00

CORRESPONDENCE.

Amenity Tree Planting Grants. The Clerk had been informed, by Mr. A. Mall the District Council Forestry Officer, that there were still funds available for grants and supplied an application form. Agreed that the Clerk, with Cllr. Mrs. Dalton, complete and submit an application.

Windhill Restoration Society. Request that they be permitted to use Church Road Recreation Ground for their Bonfire and Firework party next year. Agreed to put this to the full Council.

Council for the Preservation of Rural England. Letter and cheque in the sum of forty pounds received as proportion of the Tree Planting Competition £100 prize. The remaining sum, it was noted, was won by Steventon.

The Clerk pointed out that in the C.P.R.E. booklet reference was made to grants being available for tree planting and said he would write for details.

Precept.

After discussion it was decided to submit the following figures to Council for the precept for the financial year commencing 1st. April 1980;

Purchase of trees.....	£200.00
Mowing.....	250.00
Mower repairs.....	350.00
Litter clearing.....	25.00
Wall repairs.....	100.00
J. Warland (Brook path etc.).	100.00
Rec. ground equipment.....	600.00

Total. £1,625.00

It was considered that an additional expense may arise in connection with the proposed fencing of Cullam Road recreation ground.

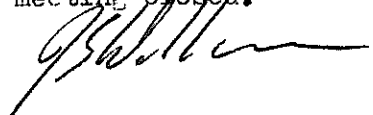
ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

The Clerk said that Mrs. Wheeler of Ambrose Rise had expressed concern regarding the undergrowth, now dead, along Brook Path. She thought that if this was not removed it would drop into the brook and, in the event of heavy rain, block the grid and cause flooding. It was agreed to recommend that the dead undergrowth be cut and removed.

Mr. J. Warland had complained regarding clay working through the path in the Old Burial Ground. Decided to consider if the path could be laid with slabs. The Clerk to ascertain if these were available from the County Council.

The Clerk said the normal date for the next meeting would fall on Boxing Day. Agreed to meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday 19th. December 1979.

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



WHEATLEY PARISH COUNCIL.

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PRESENT. Councillors J.S.Wilkinson (Chairman), J.E.Brooks, Mrs.C.M.Dalton,  
 G.T.Hanks, Mrs.R.Quarterman and Mr.R.Turrell.

APOLOGIES. Councillor P.H.Blake.

Minutes of the Meeting held <sup>21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER</sup> ~~19th. December~~ 1979 were approved and  
 signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM.

1. Litter Bins. The District Council Treasurer being unable to offer a grant towards the cost of the required bins it was Resolved to Recommend; that seven bins of the type proposed be purchased by the Parish Council.
2. British Trust for Conservation Volunteers. Agreed that the Clerk write stating that the Council would welcome assistance in; (a) tree planting, (b) clearing of ivy from trees in London Road, (c) general tidying up of the Churchyard, subject to permission being granted. *agreed to news letter publicity*
3. The Stocks. The Clerk said that Mr.G.Evans had informed him that these were safely under cover at the Primary School. Cllr. Wilkinson said he had spoken to the Field Officer of the Woodstock Museum regarding the repair of the stocks. If, and when, they were repaired it was agreed that a suitable site for their erection ~~would~~ *might* be Crown Square. *on the green.*
4. Church Rd. Rec. - Subsidence. Agreed that it was necessary to compact the soil after the base had been cleared. Suggested that Mr. K.Watts and Mr.R.Powell be asked to submit tenders for the removal, where necessary, of soil from the fence. Compact where cleared and replace top soil. The opportunity should be taken to clear accumulated rubbish from the entire length of the fence. The Clerk pointed out that the work would entail the use of equipment and it would not be advisable to take heavy machinery onto the rec. during the winter. He would, however, approach both the the firms mentioned.

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

NEXT MEETING. 7 p.m. on Wednesday 23rd. January 1980.

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23rd. January 1980.

Councillors J.S.Wilkinson (Chairman), J.E.Brooks, Mrs.C.M.Dalton, Mrs.R.Quarterman

. Councillors P.H.Blake, G.T.Hanks, and Mr.R.Turrell.

es of the Meeting held 19th. December 1979 were, after amendment, approved  
igned by the Chairman.

. Par. 3. That the word 'might' be inserted before the words 'be Crown  
Square' and the words 'or the Green' be inserted after.

Par. 2. That the words 'Agreed to Newsletter publicity' be added.

RISING.

ed to ask the District Council to replace the damaged litter bin outside  
lanor House.

ervation Volunteers. Reply stating that the clearing of the churchyard  
and tree planting could well fall within the scope  
e scheme but not the removal of ivy from mature trees. This, the letter  
d, would be opposite to conservation as ivy does virtually no harm to  
e trees while providing excellent habitat for birds and insects.  
riter suggested a meeting to discuss and assess the proposed work and to  
visit the sites concerned.

ed that the Clerk obtain the Vicar's consent to clearing the churchyard  
hen arrange a meeting with Simon Hooton, the Regional Officer.

EDENCE.

est from Mrs. Lendrum to again bring her amusement fair to the Church Rd.  
ation ground.  
ed that consent be given for any date other than in May.

BUSINESS.

e for Cullam Rd. recreation ground. Agreed that this be placed, when  
ived at the Roman Rd. end of the rec. at right angles to the fence with  
steps towards the fence.

Posts for Church Rd. recreation ground. Agreed the Clerk ascertain the  
of possible replacement.

. Mrs. Dalton said that the hole, in the rec., in which the Maypole was  
ted was uncovered. Cllr. Wilkinson said he would contact rhe Mayday Committee.

Dalton asked regarding the repair of the damaged seat in the <sup>CULLAM RD</sup> rec.  
Clerk said he would again contact Mr. Davis who had had the materials  
the repair for a considerable time.

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

*John Brooks*  
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WHEATLEY PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held Tuesday  
19th. February 1980.

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PRESENT. Councillors P.H.Blake, J.E.Brooks, G.T.Hanks, Mrs.R.Quarterman  
and Mr.R.Turrell.  
Councillor J.S.Wilkinson, who had been unavoidably detained, arrived  
later.

APOLOGIES. Councillor Mrs.C.M.Dalton.

In the absence of Cllr.Wilkinson it was agreed that Cllr. Brooks  
take the Chair.

Minutes of the Meeting held 23rd. January 1980 were approved and signed  
by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM.

1. Conservation Volunteers. The Clerk had received no reply in regard  
to the arranging of a meeting. The Rev. Brasier had said; he would  
be extremely grateful if the Churchyard could be tidied up if the  
Volunteers did become available.
2. Replacement of goal-posts in Church Road recreation ground.  
No further information was available regarding Cllr. Mrs.Blake's  
suggestion that she might be in a position to obtain posts.  
The Clerk had received a letter from Mr.J.G.Rogers, Community Education  
Tutor, asking that two goals be set up in the recreation ground.  
After discussion this request was reluctantly turned down as it was  
considered that only one goal could be placed in a safe site i.e.  
backing to the quarry wall on the north side.
4. Hole in the recreation ground. In the absence of Cllr. Wilkinson no  
further information was available.
4. Damaged seat. In the absence of Cllr. Mrs.Dalton who, as the Clerk  
had failed to contact Mr.Davis, had said she would probably be able  
to do so, no further information was available.  
It was noted that the seat by the raised tree bed, in High Street,  
had been damaged. The Clerk said he would arrange for it to be repaired.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Agenda for the Meeting of the Shotover Consultative Committee to  
be held 21st. February 1980 was received and noted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Complaint of condition of footpath from Station Road to Beech Road.  
Agreed that Councillors view the path and make recommendations at the  
next Meeting.

Damage to 'No Entry' sign at the corner of High Street and Hollow Way  
Road. Considered that this was possibly done by large lorries mounting  
the footpath when delivering, or collecting, from Messrs. Telford's.  
Agreed that the Clerk arrange for the repair of the sign and also  
write to Mr. Telford requesting that he ascertain if the damage, in  
fact, is done by lorries at his premises.

Condition of, and parking on, Littleworth Green. Cllr. Wilkinson  
agreed to ascertain what the Littleworth villagers would like done to the  
Green.

Condition of raised area in Farm Close. Agreed that the Clerk write,  
once again, to Messrs. Pye asking for the area to receive attention and,  
in the event that they no longer own it, to ascertain the present owners  
and that Council consider the possibility of taking over the area.  
The Clerk to also endeavour to ascertain the owner of the derelict land  
at the side of the footpath from Station Road to Farm Close Road.

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

NOTE. - NEXT MEETING. 7.30 p.m. THURSDAY 3rd. APRIL.

*J.B. Williams*  
3rd April 80

WHEATLEY PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held at 7.30p.m.

Thursday 4th. April 1980

Present. Councillors J.S.Wilkinson (Chairman), Mrs.C.M.Dalton and Mr.R.Turrell.

APOLOGIES. Councillors P.H.Blake, J.E.Brooks, G.T.Hanks, Mrs.R.Quarterman.

Minutes of the Meeting held 19th. February 1980 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM.

1. Damaged Seats. The Clerk reported that Mr.Watts had been unable to obtain the metal, due to the steel strike, to repair the seat in Cullam Rd. recreation ground but the seat in High St., which required only minor repairs, had been done by Mr.Warland.
2. Raised area in Farm Close. Reply from J.A.Pye and Co. stating that this had been adopted by the Highway Authority in 1968. Agreed that the Clerk approach Mr.Turrell, County Surveyor, regarding the improvement of the area.
3. Shotover Consultative Committee. Mr.Turrell had attended the recent Meeting and reported that the main subject had been the problems of the Gypsies and a site for them.
4. Damaged 'No Entry' Sign. The Clerk had spoken to both Mr.Tayson and the driver of Cowley Carriers lorry. Although they said that they were unaware that the damage had been caused by the lorries delivering at this shop they agreed to pay extra attention in the future.
5. Littleworth Green. Mr.Turrell said that, from what he had gathered from the nearby residents, they were indifferent to the condition of the Green. He suggested, however, that the Green would be improved if it was mown. Cllr. Wilkinson said that he would endeavour to get this done when the grass at the nearby flats was mown.

CORRESPONDENCE.

1. Cullam Rd. Recreation Ground Slide. The Clerk had again written to 'Game and Playtime' and, at last, received a reply. This said that the delay was due to the re-design of their slides to conform to the new British Standards. The Slide surface would be reduced by 4" and the height of sides raised by 2". In addition the length would be increased by 2 ft. These alterations had caused a backlog and they would not be able to execute the order for a further four to six weeks.
2. C.P.R.E. Tree Planting Competition. Agreed that the Clerk complete and return the entry form.
3. Inspection of Playground Equipment. Details, from the O.A.L.C., of two firms that carry out this form of inspection. Agreed that the Clerk obtain details of cost etc.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

The Clerk said he had received the £100 Tree Planting Grant from the District Council.

Cllr.Mrs. Dalton expressed concern regarding the lack of progress regarding the subsidence at Church Rd. recreation ground. The Clerk said he had received no further estimate from Watts and Claridge and Mr.Powell had informed him that he could not submit any further estimate to those that he had already submitted, and considered that the lowest estimate of the two was the minimum work required to effect it to a satisfactory standard.

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Cllr. Wilkinson said that the Old Lockup had been examined by Mr. Dennis Birkett, of the Historical Buildings Council, and he had stated that it required underpinning and re-pointing and had, in general, given an alarming report of the general condition of the building. Cllr. Wilkinson suggested that this matter should be taken up immediately as being extremely urgent. He also supplied details of grants that might be available from the Department of the Environment.

There being no further business it was agreed that the Committee should next meet at 7 p.m. on WEDNESDAY 23rd. APRIL 1980 and the Chairman then declared the Meeting closed.

*Caroline Mary Dalton.*

*23rd April, 1980.*

Minutes of the Meeting of the Open Soaces Committee held at 7 p.m.  
Wednesday 23rd. April  
1980.

ENT. Councillors Mrs.C.M.Dalton (Chairman), J.E.Brooks, G.T.Hanks, Mrs.R.Quarterman.

OGIES. Councillors P.H.Blake, J.S.Wilkinson, Mr.R.Turrell.

Minutes of the Meeting held 4th. April 1980 were approved and signed by the  
Chairman.

ER ARISING THEREFROM.

1. Damaged seat. Steel now being again available Mr. Watts was giving this early attention.
2. Raised area in Farm Close. Cllr. Hanks said that this had now been repaired.

ESPONDENCE.

1. Subsidence at Church Rd. Recreation Ground. Proposed by Cllr. Mrs.Dalton seconded by Cllr.Mrs.Quarterman and carried; That this Committee recommend that the lower tender made by Mr.R.Powell be accepted. Cllr.J.Brooks declared an interest and took no part in the foregoing discussion.
2. Old Burial Ground. Resolved to Recommend. That 100 x 18" square concrete slabs be purchased and laid, by voluntary labour, at the entrance to the ground from High St. Cllr. Brooks, Hanks, and Mrs.Dalton volunteered and, if Council accepted the recommendation, to ask for two more volunteers.
3. Playground Equipment Inspection. Reply from Messrs. James Roberts giving details of charges etc. Agreed that the costs stated were not warranted.
4. Flooding of Farm Close Lane. Comment was made regarding the flooding of the lane from Station Rd. to Farm Close caused by a drain being allowed to empty into the lane. Agreed that the District Council should be asked to give attention and asked to clear the land at the side of the lane where rubbish had been dumped.  
The Clerk would also endeavour to ascertain the present owners of the land.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Cllr. Brooks said that his attention had been drawn to the lightweight nature of the manhole cover at the Farm Close end of the lane exiting by the High St. Shops. Considered advisable that the Technical Services be advised that the cover could be raised by a child.

Cllr. Mrs. Dalton said that the bushes had been planted around the Crown Square sub-station.

Agreed that Cllrs.Brooks and Mrs.Dalton should obtain suggestions for an Adventure Playground from catalogues available and then the Committee would consider the erection of similar equipment, on Cullam Rd. rec., by local labour.

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

NEXT MEETING 7 p.m. WEDNESDAY 21st. MAY 1980.

*Caroline Mary Dalton*  
25th June, 1980.

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WHEATLEY PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held Wednesday 25th June

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NT. Councillors Mrs. C. M. Dalton, G. T. Hanks, Mrs. R. Quarterman.

RIES. Councillors P. M. Blake, J. E. Brooks and J. S. Wilkinson.

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Meeting opened with Councillor Mrs. Dalton in the chair.

The Clerk said that, as this was the first meeting since the Parish Council Meeting, the first business was the election of a Chairman for the ensuing

Proposed seconded and carried: That Councillor Mrs. Dalton be elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

It was then Proposed, seconded and carried: That Mr. R. Turrell be co-opted to the Committee and also continue to represent the Parish Council on the Shotover Alternative Committee.

Minutes of the Meeting held 23rd. April 1980 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM.

The seat on Cullum Road recreation ground had been repaired and replaced.

Susidence at Church Road recreation ground.

The Clerk reported that, to date, he had been unable to obtain alternative quotations for the work required. Mr. Colin Ring had not been interested. He had recommended another firm but they had failed to reply. Messrs McKenna's also had not replied. P. and B Builders had not kept a site meeting arranged with the Clerk.

The Clerk had also approached J. Mannifield and met him on the site. A tender had been promised but not yet received.

Agreed to await the promised estimate.

Roman Road Footpath.

This had been completed and a barrier had now to be erected. The Clerk had hoped that some gravel would be left and could be used on the Old Burial Ground path but Mr. Warland did not consider it suitable.

Agreed that Councillor Hanks view the gravel used and give his opinion of its suitability for the Burial Ground.

CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported that the see-saw in Cullum Road recreation ground had been vandalised. The swivel bolt had been removed and the 5" x 3" beam broken in half.

Mr. K. Watts had been asked to fit a new beam and bolt.

Litter Bins had now been placed in position.

Clerk had received a telephone message, from a Mrs. Smith, that a swing chain had broken on Church Road recreation ground and caused minor injuries to a child.

Clerk had immediately checked the other swings and found a badly worn chain on one. The position of the wear, in both cases, appeared to show it was due to swings being thrown over the top supports. He had, the same evening arranged for Mr. Watts to remove both swings for repair.

#### MINUTE.

Letter from Universal Services offering to inspect and repair Playground equipment at a charge of £4.

Offer should be accepted.

Letter from the District Council inviting applications for tree grants in the next season. Councillor Mrs. Dalton agreed to answer this in view of her knowledge of future planting plans.

Letters from both Messrs. Hillier and Messrs Hillings confirming their telephone message to the Clerk in which they had both agreed to replace the dead trees at 50% reduction.

Clerk to acknowledge the letters.

Letter from Mrs. Snellof 26 Farm Close road requesting a barrier in the adjacent lane to stop cyclists and motor cyclists.

Offer that, as this lane was not used by mothers with prams or pushchairs, a barrier might be cheaper and more suitable.

Councillor Hanks said he would check and report back.

#### OTHER BUSINESS.

Turrell said that, in connection with the complaint made by Mr. Guy regarding fire fighting equipment on Shotover, he, Mr. Turrell, had mentioned this to the City Engineer who had agreed to look into the matter.

Clerk asked the Committee if they wished to change the day of the Meeting. They agreed that Wednesday was the most suitable day and that the Committee should meet on Wednesday 23rd. July at 7.30 p.m.

As there being no further business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed.

*P. Hillier*  
21-7-80