

Wheatley Parish Council

Open Spaces Committee

7.30pm on Monday 18th September at the Parish Office

Present: Cllrs Roger Bell (RB), Kate Foster (KF) Paula Hood (Chair) (PH), Ian Roberts (IR),

Officer: Michelle Legg (Clerk)

Members of Public: 2 (Roger Simmonds, Lizzie Tully)

No	Item	Action
38.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – none. With the resignations of Cllrs the committee wished to thank them both for their efforts.	
39.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllr Roberts High St Improvements	
40.	MINUTES AND ACTIONS from i) meeting held on Monday 17th July – Actions only (minutes previously agreed) ii) meeting held on Tuesday 8th August – previously circulated.	
41.	TO DISCUSS THE REVIEW OF THE HIGH ST IMPROVEMENT REPORTS AND THE MAKE-UP OF A NEW ADVISORY GROUP. The area will be known as the Village Square. Cllr Hood recapped the decision process so far. The Committee have been tasked to review the previously submitted report. The Clerk has been in contact with OCC to arrange a meeting to confirm what is legally possible in relation to improved parking facilities. It was agreed that the advisory group would be made up of 1 representatives from each of the interested parties - the retailers group, the greening group and one disabled user, plus three parish councillors. A discussion took place on how to best to represent the residents, followed by a vote which resulted in 3 votes in favour of a High St resident and 1 vote for a village resident (not High St specific) to join the group. Roger Simmonds raised his concern that parking is prevalent in the discussions over the Village Square, however this is intrinsically linked with possible parking provision. Terms of reference were discussed and agreed “To set up a review of the High St Improvement report submitted to the parish council and to investigate the feasibility and legal aspects of the recommendations.” Clerk to add this to the Full Council agenda for approval.	Clerk
42.	TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE PARISH BURIAL GROUND Councillors Hood and Gregory along with the Clerk are to meet with Revd Hawkes on 25th September with a visit to the current burial ground.	
43.	TO DISCUSS GULLEY AND GUTTER CLEARANCE Clerk has met with OCC representative to investigate whether the gullies can be cleared and is awaiting a response. Clerk will update Councillors	Clerk

44. TO DISCUSS CHURCH ROAD RECREATION GROUND

Two quotes have been received to undertake the tree work as detailed in the tree survey. Cllr Bell proposed and Cllr Hood seconded a proposal to agree to commission Arbor to carry out the tree work – agreed.-

Clerk to contact SODC with a schedule of works and to contact Arbor.

Clerk to report investigate fencing options and report back.

**Clerk
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45. TO DISCUSS BUS STOPS ON LONDON RD

The committee discussed the request made from a resident for a bus shelter by The Avenue. It was felt that the site was not big enough to accommodate a shelter. **Clerk to respond back to resident.**

Clerk

46. TO REVIEW THE ALLOTMENT FEES

The allotment fees have been set at £10 per plot since 2012, the committee agreed not to raise the fees as they felt the fees were adequate for the size of the plots. The Clerk and Cllr Foster will visit the site to view the current provision.

Clerk/KF

47. TO RECEIVE UPDATES from

i) Wheatley Playing Fields- Clerk has sent chasing email to the solicitor to resolve the final issues with the lease.

ii) Holton Pavilion Working Group – no further update available

iii) Littleworth Playing Fields Working Group – meeting scheduled for September

iv) Littleworth Allotments – no update available

48. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE on any other open spaces

i) Flood alleviation - a meeting between all stakeholders is taking place on 20th September.

ii) Land on corner of St Mary's Close/London Road. Work needs to be undertaken to the tree and a quote has been received. The neighbouring property has shown an interest in taking on this land. The committee felt that this should be recommended to full council, so the parish council could invest in more valuable open spaces. **Clerk to add this to the agenda**

iii) Memorial garden – **Clerk to write to Fusion to thank them for all the work carried out during the summer activity week.**

iii) Littleworth Green – Richard Taylor to begin work to the site in coming weeks.

iv) Coopers Close footpath – County Councillor Kirsten Johnson has pressured both parties to resolve this issue as it is a safety concern.

v) Crown Road Tree – to be looked at during the walkabout in November.

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49. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

i) invite to OPFA AGM on 20th September received

ii) dates for 'rights of way' workshops received

50. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION - none

51. DATE OF NEXT MEETING/WALKABOUT

i) Walkabout around east of village, 9th October at Cullum Rd Rec 9.15am

ii) Next meeting Mon 20th November 2017 7.30pm