



## **WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4 March 2019 at 7.30pm  
in The Ellendune Community Centre

#### **Present**

Cllr C Clark (Chair)  
Cllr G Jones (Vice-Chair)  
Cllr L Campisano  
Cllr H Dosanjh  
Cllr J Hwer  
Cllr H Hodd  
Cllr C Kennedy  
Cllr T Kimberley-Fairbourn  
Cllr A Woodhead

**Clerk** Jodie Smart

#### **OS/60**

##### **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr A Richards. No apologies were received from Cllr P Bhardwaj nor Cllr D Wells.

#### **OS/61**

##### **Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**

Cllr C Clark declared an interest in agenda items six and seven as her partner is the Chair of BMX Wroughton and agenda item eighteen as she is the Treasurer for Vision 4 Wroughton.

#### **OS/62**

##### **Public Questions**

There were no members of the public present.

*The Chair deferred agenda item 4 to later in the meeting.*

#### **OS/63**

##### **Smoke Free Play Parks**

*The Chair suspended Standing Orders at 7.33pm so that the Public Health Programme Manager could give representations.*

Members **NOTED** the report of Swindon Borough Council's, Public Health Programme Manager. The Public Health Programme Manager explained that she manages and leads on tobacco control for Swindon. Works with schools and provides information on how to quit smoking to a variety of organisations. The Public Health Programme Manager has been tasked with increasing the number of smoke free places in Swindon. As part of this project she is visiting all the Parish Councils to ask them to consider making play parks smoke free sites. However, this is not enforceable by law, the suggestion is that all play parks have signage designating it as a smoke free zone.

*The BMX Wroughton representative arrived at 7.38pm.*

*The Chair reinstated Standing Orders at 7.54pm.*

Members **RESOLVED** to support the principle of smoke free play parks and smoke free sport on areas owned and managed by Wroughton Parish Council.

**OS/64**

**BMX Pump Track**

*The Chair suspended standing orders at 7.56pm to allow the BMX Wroughton representative to give a report.*

Members **NOTED** the verbal report from the representative of BMX Wroughton.

A representative of BMXW stated that the volunteer day to rebuild banks and sow grass seed was scheduled for Saturday 9 March 2019. The annual fundraising event has been scheduled for 23 June 2019. BMX Wroughton are pressing ahead with funding applications for the lights. They are currently taking part in the green tokens scheme at Waitrose.

**OS/65**

**BMX Equipment Storage**

Members **NOTED** the request for storage of BMX equipment within Maunsell Way Pavilion.

*The Chair re-instated Standing Orders at 8.17pm.*

Members **RESOLVED** to support the initiative of BMXercise, subject to current users requirements, further understanding of the commercial arrangement and any security and insurance considerations.

*Cllr H Dosanjh and the BMX Wroughton representative left the meeting at 8.27pm.*

**OS/66**

**Minutes**

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Open Spaces Committee meeting held on 3 December 2018.

**OS/67**

**Playground Inspections**

Members **NOTED** the annual playground inspections, a copy of which appear as Appendix A in the Minute Book.

Members **RESOLVED** to request a definition of the term 'monitor use', from the Inspector and request advice on how to practically apply this.

Members **AGREED** to defer the decision regarding re-siting the basket swing until the Full Council meeting on Monday 18 March 2019.

**Action:** Clerk to ensure the arrangements within the Health & Safety policy includes a method for reporting accidents and incidences on land/buildings owned and managed by Wroughton Parish Council.

**OS/68**

**Maunsell Way – Damaged Lighting**

Members **NOTED** the report of the Clerk regarding the damaged lighting at Maunsell Way, a copy of which appears as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the recommendation within the report.

- OS/69**      **Footpaths**  
Members **AGREED** to defer this item until the Full Council meeting on Monday 18 March 2019.
- OS/70**      **Allotments**  
Members **NOTED** the report of the Administration Officer regarding the allotments, a copy of which appears as Appendix C in the Minute Book.  
  
Members **RESOLVED** to approve the recommendation within the report.
- OS/71**      **Skate Park**  
Members **NOTED** the verbal report of the Clerk regarding the potential Skate Park.  
  
The Clerk informed members that she and Cllr Clark had met with the young person who suggested the skate park. He had provided details of skate parks in the area that would be a good basis to start from. The Clerk has made contact with the local Councils in Cirencester, Devizes and Marlborough and is awaiting some further details from them regarding their projects. The Clerk will then arrange a meeting with the young person, Ridgeway School and BMX Wroughton.  
  
Cllr C Clark added that she had been very impressed with how passionate and knowledgeable the young person had been.
- OS/72**      **Play Area Working Party**  
Members **NOTED** the report of the Clerk regarding the Play Area Working Party, a copy of which appears as Appendix D in the Minute Book.  
  
Members **RESOLVED** to approve the survey with amendments (a copy of which appears as Appendix E in the Minute Book). The survey will be issued after a response from Stonewater Housing has been received, regarding the potential use of land and in agreement with the Play Area Working Party.  
  
Members **RESOLVED** to defer the decision about the additional utilities survey at Boness Road until the Full Council meeting on Monday 18 March 2019.
- OS/73**      **Hurricane Swings**  
Members **RESOLVED** to retrospectively approve the expenditure of £690.00 for two replacement seats and chains for the hurricane swing at Maunsell Way. (400/440 £2,418.00 available).
- OS/74**      **Badgers Brook Play Area**  
Members **NOTED** that the lease for Badgers Brook Play Area has been received from Swindon Borough Council, and will be taken to the Finance and General Purpose Committee meeting on Monday 18 March 2019 for approval.
- OS/75**      **Milestones**  
Members **NOTED** the report from the Clerk regarding the refurbishment of the Milestones, a copy of which appears as Appendix F in the Minute Book.
- OS/76**      **Falkirk Road – Planning Application**

Members **NOTED** the verbal report of the Clerk regarding the Falkirk Road planning application. The Clerk informed members that the Administration Officer has been in contact with Swindon Borough Council's Planning Department in relation to the Falkirk Road playing pitches, who then referred him onto Property services. Property Services reviewed the lease but would not be able to advise without further information, which was provided on 18 February 2019.

**OS/77**

**Willow-Brook Gardens**

Members **NOTED** that the tree work above the edible forest garden is scheduled for Monday 4 March 2019.

**OS/78**

**Exclusion of Press and Public**

Members **RESOLVED** in accordance with Standing Order 3 (d) that 'in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they be instructed to withdraw'.

Reason: Contractual matters.

**OS/79**

**Vehicles**

Members **NOTED** the report of the Clerk regarding an additional Grounds Maintenance Vehicle, a copy of which appears as Appendix G in the Confidential Minute File.

Members **RESOLVED** to recommend to full council that a third vehicle for the Grounds Maintenance team is secured.

The meeting closed at 9.58pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman of the Council