



WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

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

Present Cllr H Hodd (Chair)
Cllr P Bhardwaj (Vice Chair)
Cllr L Campisano
Cllr C Clark
Cllr H Dosanjh
Cllr J Hewer
Cllr A Richards

Clerk Jodie Smart

OS/01 **Apologies**
All members of the committee were present.

OS/02 **Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**
There were no declarations of interest nor applications for dispensation.

OS/03 **Public Questions**
There were two members of the public present.
A resident of Falkirk Road made representations regarding the parish council's consultation on the redevelopment of Maunsell Way, which include the addition of football pitches on Falkirk Road playing field. The resident stated that he had no objection to football pitches but is concerned that parking will be an issue. Two pitches mean double the parking problems. The resident added that a couple of years ago, the area suffered from anti-social behaviour due to groups playing football until 2am. The resident informed members that 14 metres from the road where the street light is, there are two manhole covers, one septic, one sewer, when it rains heavily sewage floods onto the field. The resident also stated that he has to time his arrival from holiday around school hours as he struggles to get his caravan on the driveway during school drop off and pick up times and is concerned that the extra parking for football will also impact this. The resident thanked members for listening.

Cllr C Clark responded and explained that she was on the working party responsible for the redevelopment of Maunsell Way and that it was her idea to get the land at Falkirk Road back into use. Cllr Clark expressed concern about drainage leaking onto the playing field and stated that whatever happens Thames Water will need to re-route the drainage and this will be looked at as part of the planning process. Cllr Clark added that parking is an issue, she has offered to other residents during the consultations to set up a meeting with residents and Wroughton Youth Football Club (WYFC) to explain why they want more pitches. Cllr Clark stated that the parish council will inform all Falkirk Road residents when this has been organised. Cllr Clark explained that pitches will be hired and goals will not be in place permanently. It is also possible that some limited hard standing bays may be included to ease congestion. Cllr Clark added that WYFC need to work with the parish council and

residents. Cllr Clark also stated that pitches would only be marked out during the football season, so would not be visible during the summer months.

Action: Clerk to write to Thames Water regarding the overflowing drain at Falkirk Road.

The Chair brought agenda item 9 forward.

OS/04

Falkirk Road – Planning Application

Members **NOTED** the verbal report of the Clerk. The Clerk advised that the Falkirk Road pitches were a part of the complete Maunsell Way site pre-planning application. The consultation closes on 31 May 2019. The next working party meeting is Thursday 13th June at 6.00pm.

Cllr Clark reiterated that the use of land at Falkirk Road could be an alternative if football pitches were not installed. Cllr Clark restated that Wroughton Parish Council will provide a presentation to residents.

The resident left the meeting at 7.42pm.

OS/05

Minutes

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Open Spaces Committee meeting held on 4 June 2019.

OS/06

Cricket Pitch Fee Reduction

Members **NOTED** the report of the Clerk, a copy of which appears as Appendix A in the Minute Book.

Members **RESOLVED** that the Committee Chair and Clerk arrange a meeting with representatives of the Cricket Club and agree a realistic standard for cutting the Weir Field. The Chair of the parish council and Vice Chair of the committee will also attend if possible.

Members **RESOLVED** that the Committee Chair and Clerk be afforded delegated authority to agree any (if at all) discounts for the Cricket Club following the meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to investigate local Cricket facilities to compare the standard of cutting, who performs the maintenance and what hire fees are charged.

OS/07

Open Spaces Surveys

Members **NOTED** the open spaces surveys, copy of which appears as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

Members **RESOLVED** to use the surveys as per Appendix B as a basis of information collected, Cllrs Clark and Dosanjh will review the surveys ready for approval at Full Council on Monday 17 June 2019.

OS/08

Footpaths

Members **RESOLVED** that Wroughton Parish Council manage and partner with Vision 4 Wroughton to get volunteers to research local footpaths in time for January 2026.

ACTION: Clerk to invite Chris Kennedy and Peter Gallagher to join the Footpaths and Cycling Working Party.

ACTION: Clerk to confirm when the next Rights of Way meeting date is.

ACTION: Clerk to draft an action plan for the project.

OS/09

Allotments

Members **NOTED** the report of the Administration Officer, a copy of which appears as Appendix C in the Minute Book.

OS/10

Vision 4 Wroughton

Members **NOTED** an update from Vision 4 Wroughton, a copy of which appears as Appendix D in the Minute Book.

To clarify in respect of 2.2.1 within the report, the parish council retains ownership of the aeroplane seats and will include a replacement contingency during budget setting.

The meeting closed at 8.43pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman of the Council