



WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4 2020 at 7.30pm
in The Ellendune Community Centre

- Present** Cllr H Hodd (Chair)
Cllr J Hewer
Cllr G Overbury
Cllr A Richards
- Cllr J King (not on committee)
Cllr L Gough (not on committee)
Cllr N Hooper (not on committee)
- Clerk** Oliver Armstrong (Deputy Clerk)
- Public** 0
- OS/52** Apologies
Apologies were received from Cllr Clark, Cllr Campisano, Cllr Bhardwaj and Cllr Phillips.
- OS/53** Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation
There were no declarations of interest nor applications for dispensation.
- OS/54** Public Questions
There were no members of the public present.
- OS/55** Minutes
Members **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Open Spaces Committee meeting held on 04 December 2019.
- OS/56** Chairs Report
The Chair stated that there had been no reports of vandalism which relate to the Open Spaces committee but there had been reports of inconsiderate parking on grass verges which caused significant damage in various locations. A monthly update would highlight the issue and deter residents and contractors parking inconsiderately.
- The Blackhorse Farm footpath had been completed but there were concerns the footpath did not extend to the concrete track on Falkirk Road. The Clerk had been in discussion with Swindon Borough Council with the view to extend the path which could possibly be completed in the summer. The grounds team would in the short term add chippings between the two paths.
- The Chair visited a site where a shrub was cut down on the Pitches following complaints, it was suggested that the grounds team could take before and after pictures of future jobs.

The grounds team have had another session of clearing the Moat Pond of reeds. Once this work was completed the next step of scoping future work can commence.

The roles and responsibilities of maintenance between BMX Wroughton and Wroughton Parish Council were decided at an operational level. The Chair stated that she had asked that the BMX quarterly updates be received at Full Council for discussion.

The Chair thanked the Deputy Clerk for his work and commitment to the Christmas and Allotment working party over the last several years. The Deputy Clerk was in the process of handing over the Allotment working party to Clerical and Communications Assistant.

OS/57

Open Spaces Budget

Members **NOTED** the Open Spaces committee budget. A copy of which appears as appendix A in the minute book.

OS/58

Allotment Working Party

Members **NOTED** that the Allotment working party meeting was held on 28 January 2020. A copy of the meeting notes appears as appendix B in the minute book.

OS/59

Christmas Working Party

Members **NOTED** that the Christmas working party meeting to discuss the feedback was held on 31 January 2020. The Deputy Clerk will create an event plan to present to the Christmas Working Party in order to recommend to Open Spaces on 3 June 2020.

Action: Christmas working party to provide a full event plan to the 3 June 2020 Open Spaces meeting.

OS/60

Footpaths & Cycling Working Party

Members **NOTED** that the next Footpaths & Cycling working party meeting had been arranged for 18 February 2020.

OS/61

Flora & Fauna Working Party

Members **NOTED** that the Flora & Fauna working party meeting was cancelled and would be rescheduled.

Action: Deputy Clerk to reschedule the Flora & Fauna working party.

OS/62

Tree Survey

Members **NOTED** that the tree survey was being undertaken and a report will follow at the next meeting.

The tree survey was conducted on land owned or leased by Wroughton Parish Council.

OS/63

Weir Field Tree Work

Members **NOTED** that the three leylandii trees on the Weir Field had been removed. The urgency of the work was due to the safety concern in regard to the trees failing.

The conditions during the work were poor and consequently the Weir Field has sustained visible damage.

Members suggested investigating the possibility of replacing the trees with different species in the future.

OS/64

Fun Fair 2020

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the request of Scarrotts Fun Fair to rent Maunsell Way playing field on Tuesday 28 July- Sunday 2 August 2020.

OS/65

Wroughton Football Club

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the request from Wroughton Mens Football Club to install barriers on the Weir Field for a trial period of three months. If the barriers are considered unsuccessful Wroughton Parish Council will request the removal of the barriers.

Action: Deputy Clerk to send an agreement to Wroughton Football Club outlining the terms and conditions of the arrangement.

The meeting closed at 20:28pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman of the Open Spaces Committee