

WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL



OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 01 June 2021 at 7:30pm
at Legge House Conference Centre, Church Hill

Present Cllr J King (Chair)
Cllr C Clark
Cllr L Campisano
Cllr J Hewer
Cllr N Hooper

Clerk Oliver Armstrong (Deputy Clerk)

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OS/1 **Apologies**
Apologies were received from Cllr H Dosanjh.

OS/2 **Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**
No declarations of interest or applications for dispensation.

OS/3 **Public Questions**
There was one member of the public present who attend to request the Parish Council considers moving the public bench to rear of her property on Lister Road, backing onto Belmont Green. The member of the public stated that she was experiencing issues with large groups congregating around the bench which was close proximity to her property.

The Deputy Clerk stated that the same issue had been previously reviewed at the Leisure & Amenities committee meeting on 10 June 2015 following the installation of the bench. WPC declined the request to move the bench.

Item 12 on the agenda was brought forward

OS/4 **Bench Relocation**
Members **DEFERED** the item for further investigation. Members **NOTED** the email from a resident, a copy of which appears as appendix A.

Members discussed the concerns raised by the resident in public questions and suggested that a site visit should be arranged for councillors to review the situation.

Members instructed the Deputy Clerk to liaise with the grounds team to fully understand the cost and implications of moving the bench and review suitable areas for re-siting. In addition, the Deputy Clerk was asked to make contact with the person who originally asked for the memorial bench to put in this location to recognise their view on moving the bench.

OS/5

Minutes

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the the minutes from the Open Spaces committee meeting on 04 February 2020.

OS/6

Chairs Report

The Chair provided an update regarding an incident involving an allotment holder using an aggressive manner to talk to WPC staff. The matter was due to a receipt not being issued and was easily resolved. The Chair stated this was unacceptable behaviour and a letter had been sent to the plot holder to remind him that this will not be tolerated.

The Deputy Clerk advised members there were supply issues with play bark for replenishing the play areas and a new supplier had to be identified. If there is an extended delay in arranging a new supply several sites could be temporarily closed. Members noted the importance of having a sufficient supply for the play areas.

OS/7

Wichelstowe Maintenance

Members **NOTED** the email from Jake Mee, South Swindon Parish Council, a copy of which appears as appendix B in the minute book.

Members advised the Deputy Clerk to contact the Ward Cllrs to seek assistance with SBC and establish responsibility.

OS/8

Keep Britain Tidy

Members **NOTED** the report of the Deputy Clerk. A copy of which appears as Appendix C in the minute book.

Members **RESOLVED** to approve expenditure of £220.00 for 15 litter pickers. Cost to be met from the General Equipment & Consumables budget.

Members **RESOLVED** to approve expenditure of £30.00 for general consumables for the litter pick. Cost to be met from the General Equipment & Consumables budget.

OS/9

Story Walk

Members **NOTED** the report of the Community Projects Officer. A copy of which appears as appendix D in the minute book.

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the Wroughton Community Asset Trust request for StoryWalk to be installed by WPC Grounds Team in Willow-Brook Gardens during August to promote the library reopening and link in with the Summer Reading Challenge.

Members **RESOLVED** to approve that the ongoing StoryWalk joint initiative between Wroughton Community Asset Trust is endorsed by and reports into the Open Spaces Committee. All events will continue to be promoted as a joint initiative.

Members **RESOLVED** to authorise the Community Projects Officer to act as central coordination point for the StoryWalk joint initiative under the supervision of the Clerk.

Members **NOTED** that there is a workload impact for WPC Grounds Team in installing and removing the plinths and also for making repairs/replacement plinths.

Members **NOTED** that Wroughton Community Asset Trust are to purchase, provide, prepare and laminate the chosen story book for the project and pay for any materials to construct and/or repair the display plinths

OS/10 **Wilts & Berks Canal Trust**

Members **NOTED** the email regarding ongoing work of the Wilts & Berks Canal Trust. A copy of which appears as Appendix E.

OS/11 **Belmont Green – Fallen Tree**

Members **RESOLVED** to approve a quote from Transition Trees for £520.00 to remove the fallen tree located near to the Loop Path, North Wroughton (cost to be met from the tree works budget).

OS/12 **Tildesley Trail**

Members **NOTED** the completion of the Tildesley Trail, a footpath which was recently completed connecting Falkirk Road and Inverary Road. The committee recognised that the late Mr Brian Tildesley was instrumental in the delivery of this project and supported a ribbon cutting event to be attend by his family.

Members asked the Deputy Clerk to obtain costs and proposals for the installation of signage along the Tildesley Trail.

The meeting closed at 9:00pm

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Date.....

Chairman of Open Spaces