

WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL



OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 05 October 2021 at 7:30pm
at the Ellendune Community Centre, Barrett Way, Wroughton, Swindon, SN4 9LW

- Present** Cllr J King
Cllr C Clark
Cllr L Campisano
Cllr J Hewer
Cllr N Hooper (Vice-Chair, Chair of the meeting)
Cllr G Overbury
- Clerk** Oliver Armstrong (Deputy Clerk)
- Public** 0
- OS/23** **Apologies**
Apologies were received from Cllr H Dosanjh. No apologies were received from Cllr P Bhardwaj.
- OS/24** **Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**
No declarations of interest or applications for dispensation.
- OS/25** **Public Questions**
There were no members or the public present.
- OS/26** **Chairs Report**
The Vice-Chair reported...
- OS/27** **Allotment WP Update**
The Deputy Clerk reported that the Annual Allotment Working Party occurred on 27 September 2021. The meeting was positive and the Allotment WP would be reviewing any comments or actions raised by plot holders at the next Allotment WP meeting.

The Deputy Clerk added that the main two tracks on the site had recently been improved.
- OS/28** **Tree Report**
Members **NOTED** the tree report, a copy of which appears as Appendix A.

Members **RESOLVED** to review the trees marked as urgent at the next available Full Council meeting as a matter of urgency.

Members discussed the request from a resident for tree work to be undertaken to the rear of his property to reduce tree debris falling into his garden. The Deputy Clerk advised that the tree branches were not overhanging the property and would require significant reduction to stop this issue.

Members **RESOLVED** to decline the request. The Deputy Clerk was instructed to contact the resident to update him on the decision but also to state it would be reviewed again after 6 months.

Cllr C Clark entered the meeting during this item at 7:44PM.

OS/29

Moat Pond Maintenance Plan

Members **NOTED** the Moat Pond Maintenance Plan, a copy of which appears as appendix B in the minute book.

OS/30

School Lane – Hedge /Shrub Cutting

Members discussed the quotes received to reduce the hedge and shrubs to along School Lane.

Cllr Hewer stated that this section of hedge needed to be maintained by WPC once the contractors had adequately reduced the vegetation.

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the quote for £345.00 from Transition Trees, cost to be met from the Tree Work (4650/450) budget.

OS/31

Maunsell Way Parking

The Vice-Chair reported that several members of the committee had attended a site meeting on 05 October 2021 to review the Maunsell Way site and discuss if there were any opportunities to improve parking.

Members **RESOLVED** that any future discussions regarding the car park would need to be discussed by Sports & Youth WP before consideration by the Open Spaces committee.

OS/32

Tree Planting Scheme

The Deputy Clerk read a report on behalf of the Community Projects & Grants Officer to give an update on the tree planting scheme.

The public consultation went live on Friday 24 September and the immediate neighbours received a hard copy of the tree planting proposals. Many community groups were interested in attending a community tree planting day.

A full report would follow to the Full Council meeting on 18 October 2021.

OS/33

Public Footpaths

The Deputy Clerk reported that a resident had recently requested WPC take on the maintenance of some public footpaths in Wroughton from SBC. Whilst there had been no formal approach from SBC the resident had inclined that the Rights of Way Officer at SBC may be able to relinquish the maintenance for a set fee.

Members **RESOLVED** that the Deputy Clerk should contact the Rights of Way Officer at SBC to follow up this enquiry and report any findings to be considered at a future Footpaths & Cycling Working Party.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman of Open Spaces