

WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL



OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 07 December 2021 at 7:30pm
at the Ellendune Community Centre, Barrett Way, Wroughton, Swindon, SN4 9LW

- Present** Cllr J King (Chair)
Cllr L Campisano
Cllr J Hewer
Cllr H Dosanjh
Cllr N Hooper (Vice-Chair)
- Clerk** Oliver Armstrong (Deputy Clerk)
- Public** 0
- OS/34** **Apologies**
Apologies were received from Cllr P Bhardwaj, Cllr C Clark and Cllr L Gough.
- OS/35** **Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**
Cllr L Campisano declared a non-pecuniary interest in item OS/44 (Wroughton Carnival) as she was a member of the Carnival Committee.
- OS/36** **Public Questions**
There were no members or the public present.
- OS/37** **Chairs Report**
The Chair reported that the Christmas event in the village was very successful with a good turnout. The feedback received was very positive, especially with the larger, brighter tree.

The Chair noted an email received by the Deputy Clerk from a resident stating the satisfaction of the recently installed memorial bench on the junction for Perrys Lane and Wharf Road.
- OS/38** **Tree Report**
Members **NOTED** the tree report. A copy of which appears as appendix A.

Members **RESOLVED** to approve a quote from Transition Trees for the completion of all urgent tree work required.

Members requested the Deputy Clerk obtain three quotes for a bi-annual tree survey.
- OS/39** **Moat Pond Maintenance Report**
Members **NOTED** the report, a copy of which appears as appendix B.

Members **RESOLVED** to approve expenditure of up to £750 for specific equipment to maintain the Moat Pond.

Members requested the Deputy Clerk investigate costs and options for educational/interaction boards.

OS/40

Allotment WP

Members **NOTED** the report, a copy of which appears as appendix C.

OS/41

Christmas WP

Members **NOTED** the report, a copy of which appears as appendix D.

OS/42

Flora & Fauna WP

Members **NOTED** the report, a copy of which appears as appendix E.

Members **NOTED** that Wiltshire Wildlife Trust will be seeking their support at a future date in lobbying Swindon Borough Council to enable new newt ponds, wildflower planting and other biodiversity initiatives to take place on the land owned by them beyond Savill Crescent.

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the Working Party recommendation that Moore Close is added to the 'red zone' hedge list and that this is not cut during March-July as a trial for the growing season in 2022.

Members **RESOLVED** to approve that the daffodil cutback procedure remains in line with Royal Horticultural Society guidance and that the greenery is left for at least 6 weeks after flowering to enable nutrients to return to the bulb.

Members **RESOLVED** to approve that the Community Projects and Grants Officer arranges for some relevant rustic/low cost and non-plastic signage and communications to residents which help explain the rationale of these projects.

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the following sites for grass to be left to grow as a trial during 2022, subject to regular review by the Grounds Team:

Behind Wroughton Tesco,
Brimble Hill end of Greens Lane,
Priors Hill grass banks by the Old Swan pub site
Large mound by Sarson stones at St Andrews Court.

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the Working Party recommendation to extend the wildflower planting trial area on Church Hill further down the hill during 2022.

Members **RESOLVED** to approve funding of £150 for the purchase of wildflower seeds for extending the site at Church Hill and signage costs.

Members **NOTED** that any work undertaken to ensure highway sightlines are not compromised.

OS/43 **Ellendune Shopping Centre**
Members **NOTED** the email received from LCP Properties. A copy of which appears appendix F.

OS/44 **Wroughton Carnival**
Members **NOTED** the letter, a copy of which appears as appendix G.

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the request from Wroughton Carnival Committee to underwrite the 2022 Carnival for £2,500 and to waive the charge for use of the Weir Field from 08 July - 11 July 2022.

OS/45 **Exclusion of Public & Press**
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: **Pre-planning consultation**

OS/46 **SBC Correspondence**
Members **RESOLVED** to approve a response to SBC. A copy of which appears as confidential appendix H.

The meeting closed at 8:34pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman of Open Spaces