

**WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**



**OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2022 at 7:30pm  
at the Ellendune Community Centre, Barrett Way, Wroughton, Swindon, SN4 9LW

**Present** Cllr J King (Chair)  
Cllr H Dosanjh  
Cllr J Hewer  
Cllr B Keetch  
Cllr G Overbury

**Clerk** Oliver Armstrong (Deputy Clerk)  
  
Richard House (Grounds Team Manager)

**Public** 0

**OS/1** **Apologies**  
Apologies were received from Cllr G Overbury, Cllr L Campisano and Cllr H Dosanjh.

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

**OS/3** **Public Questions**  
There were no members of the public present.

**OS/4** **Chairs Report**  
The Chair reported that the Queens Platinum Jubilee Picnic in the Park was a great success, many of the villagers turned out as well as many other people from outside of Wroughton. The Chair thanked all groups involved and expressed his gratitude to the staff, councillors and volunteers.

**OS/5** **Grounds Manager Update**  
The Grounds Team Manager reported that the Grounds Team were working undermanned and in challenging circumstances with the temporary workshop at Maunsell Way. The Grounds Manager advised members that the team were trying to improve the standard of cutting and this should be aided by the introduction of a new member of staff on the external team.

Regrettably, there had been several issues of vandalism and graffiti around the village which the Grounds Team have aimed to respond to as quickly as possible.

Cllr J Hewer questioned when the play surfacing will be repaired at Weir Field. The Grounds Team Manager was aware of the issue and aimed to resolve the problem within the next couple of weeks.

Cllr J Hewer questioned when the recently purchased mower would be delivered. The Deputy Clerk advised members that the order has been acknowledged but there had been a delay due to parts.

**OS/6**      **Wroughton Football Club Correspondence**

Members **NOTED** the correspondence from Wroughton Football Club. A copy of which appears as appendix A.

The Deputy Clerk advised members there could potentially be S106 funds available for the purchase of new football goals, this was in the process of being verified.

Members requested the Deputy Clerk review the costs and report back to a future meeting.

**OS/7**      **Wroughton Wranglers Cricket Club**

Members **NOTED** the correspondence form Wroughton Wranglers Cricket Club. A copy of which appears as appendix B.

**OS/8**      **Sports Hire Facilities Update**

The Deputy Clerk provided a brief overview of sports hire users at the WPC facilities for the next season.

Wroughton Wranglers Cricket Club play the home fixtures at Weir Field during the summer months.

Wroughton Youth Football Club has full access to Maunsell Way and North Wroughton all year round and had the opportunity to use Weir Field if deemed necessary and available. Wroughton Mens Football club will use Weir Field during the football season and a Sunday football team had declared an interest in hiring the site.

The pitches will be closely monitored during the season to prevent unnecessary damage.

Other hirers at Maunsell Way included the Soccer Skills School for young children and several fitness classes.

The Deputy Clerk suggested a price review on all activities at the next Open Spaces meeting and will provide a report on suggested increases for the subsequent season.

The Grounds Team Manager requested the Deputy Clerk remind all users to ensure the gates are locked and lights are switched off in the pavilions.

OS/9

**Moat Pond S106**

Members **NOTED** that £22,742 in S106 funding had now been received by Wroughton Parish Council for the specific enhancement of the Moat Pond area. The S106 funding expires on 31/10/2028.

Members requested the Deputy Clerk arrange a site visit for all council members.

OS/10

**Wroughton Village Sign**

The Deputy Clerk presented road sign designs which were previously discussed at an Opens Spaces meeting, a copy of which appears as appendix C. The Deputy Clerk stated that all road signs on the 4 gateway entrances to the village were different and in varied condition. He suggested WPC undertake a full review before making a decision about changing one.

The Deputy Clerk suggested Moat Pond as an alternative location to install some form of artwork relating to the 'Chicken Tree'.

Cllr N Hooper suggested engaging with local artists or holding a design competition with a public vote.

Members requested the designs for the road sign are advertised publically online to gain feedback on the consideration.

OS/11

**Member of the Public Correspondence**

Members **NOTED** the correspondence from a member of the public, a copy of which appears as appendix D.

OS/12

**Tree Work – Willow-Brook Garden**

Members **NOTED** a request from a member of the public for trees in Willow-Brook Garden to be reduced in size to reduce the amount of leaf litter and seeds falling into his garden.

Members **RESOLVED** to refuse the request from the member of public for the reduction in the trees adjoining his property.

OS/13

**The Pitchens Verge Restoration**

Members **NOTED** an update from the Deputy Clerk regarding the triangle verge adjacent to The Pitchens and Marlborough Road. TFA, the company representing the contractors responsible for the roadworks on this site had offered an undisclosed amount to re-instate the verge to its previous condition.

The Grounds Team Manager met with Ward Cllr C Martyn and verbally agreed the best way to proceed with the renovation. The area would need to be dug out with a mini digger, re-turfed and 4/5 rose bushes planted at an appropriate time.

The Deputy Clerk will liaise with SBC to get approval for the works, then quotes will need to be obtained and finally the amount would need to be invoiced to TFA.

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the above works providing TFA cover all costs.

**OS/14**

**Tree Maintenance**

Members **NOTED** that the tree survey report had not yet been received and would be presented at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8:38pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman of Open Spaces