

**Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee held on Thursday 16th October
2014 at 6pm in the Civic Centre Eckington**

Attendance :- J. Austen (Chair); C. Gare(Vice Chair); C. Hunt; A.S. Dye;
K. Deffley; B. Ridgway; J. Woodruff.
P. Staniforth;(Clerk); M. Gazur(RFO); J. Green (Cemetery
Superintendent)

OS 18/14 **Apologies** J. S. Ridgway

OS 19/14 **Variation of Order of Business** - Business not varied

OS 20/14 **Declaration of Members Interests** – None declared

OS 21/14 **Minutes** The Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee Meeting
Held on 17th July 2014 were agreed as a true and accurate
record.

OS 22/14 The Chair signed and dated the Minutes.

OS 23/14 **To identify items off which the Press and Public may be
excluded** – Nothing Identified

OS 24/14 **Cemetery**

a) Cemetery Superintendent reported that there were no
pressing issues apart from the amount of dogs using the top
field.

b) Road Update:- As agreed at the Open Spaces Committee
meeting 17/7/2014 Minute No. OS 17/14 that the Clerk to liaise
with the Chair re. Selecting quotations and it was reported that
Nugents had completed phase 1 of Road Improvements
Programme.

c) Signage Update The Clerk reported that the Eckington
Cemetery Entrance Sign had been completed and that delivery
was awaited.

It was also agreed that the dog bin currently situated on the top
field be re-sited to the right of way at the top of the Cemetery.

OS 25/14 **Allotments**

Following the series of Meetings held with allotment holders the
following decisions were made:-

Marsh Lane Allotments

a) To refund the water charges over the last 2 years

b) To remove the water supply to the allotments

c) To supply at cost , a water butt to any allotment holder who
requires one.

d) To review other issues raised at the next Open Spaces
Committee.

School Street Allotments

- a) To refund the water charges incurred over the last 2 years.
- b) To install water meters to all allotment holders requiring them. Charges incurred will be invoiced to the allotment holder. There will be a £5 maintenance charge for each meter and the Parish Council require access to each meter at all times.
- c) To supply, at cost, a water butt to each holder requiring one.

Ducksett Lane Allotments

- a) To keep the water supply as per the current arrangements.
- b) To share the water supply bill equally amongst each allotment holder. (as is the case now)
- c) To supply, at cost, a water butt to each allotment holder requiring one.
- d) To review other issues raised at the next Open Spaces Committee Meeting.

Lansbury Road Allotments

- a) To stay with existing arrangements (no water to be supplied)
- b) To supply, at cost, a water butt to each allotment holder requiring one.

NALC Template for Allotment Gardeners

The Open Spaces Committee to look at introducing a new tenancy agreement based on the NALC template for Allotment Gardens.

OS 26/14

Play Areas

It was agreed the Review Group continue to work with UFI to put recommendations forward for each play area.

OS 27/14

Markets

The Clerk reported that the recent numbers having a stall at the Market was encouraging.

Agreed that the Open Spaces Committee take responsibility for the future of the Market and various potential improvements.

OS 28/14

War Memorials

A quotation for the repair to Marsh Lane War Memorial was received. It was agreed to obtain further quotes for "insetting" replacement in keeping with Memorial as a whole.

OS 29/14

To resolve to exclude the Press and Public due to the confidential nature of the business to be contracted

- Agreed.

OS 30/14

To discuss any item(s) for which the Press and Public have been excluded – Nothing to discuss