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**Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>  
February, 2016 at 6-30pm in the Civic Centre Eckington**

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

OS 01/16 Apologies  
G. Roberts

OS 02/16 Variation of Order of Business  
Business not Varied

OS 03/16 Declaration of Members Interests  
Nothing declared

OS 04/16 The Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2015  
were agreed as a true and accurate record.

OS 05/16 The Chair duly signed and dated the minutes

OS 06/16 To identify items for which the Press and Public may be excluded  
Nothing Identified.

OS 07/16 Cemetery

a. Report from the Cemetery Superintendent (John Green) – update that it was necessary to appoint a replacement staff member as the grass cutting season was imminent. Furthermore dog fouling was again occurring. The Committee agreed to recommend to the Parish Council Meeting that the vacancy be advertised as Cemetery Assistant/Relief Handyperson on existing terms and conditions. J.S. Ridgway thought that the 'old' part of the Cemetery was looking untidy. Meeting agreed to meet to inspect the Cemetery accordingly.

b. Triangular Field The Clerk reported that it would not be possible to install a road to the field at the preferred point as graves would have to be run over .  
Agreed to look at alternatives.

c. Chapels of Ease – agreed to advertise and ask the public's views After consultation agreed to put the possibility of funding on the full Council Agenda.

OS 08/16 Allotments

a. Committee to meet up to inspect allotments.  
Agreed to investigate the possibility of providing a Community

Allotment. Clerk to contact Councillor Marsh.

The next Meeting of the Allotment Holders is to be in March 2016 .  
Problems with fly tipping on the road at the side of the Lansbury  
Road Allotments.

Water Meters to be provided to Marsh Lane Allotment Holders who  
require them.

OS 09/16 Play Areas

It was reported that the hedge at Marsh Lane had been cut.

Agreed to burn waste, subject to permissions.

Clerk to check which 3 play areas to be painted.

OS 10/16 Market

Working group to report at appropriate time .

OS 11/16 Maintenance of Steadsfield

No action necessary

OS 12/16 War Memorials

A.S. Dye investigating Marsh Lane Memorial . Renishaw looking at  
designs / funding.

OS 13/16 Eckington Woods

Councillor Harper Investigating

OS 14/16 Joseph Gale Memorial

K. Deffley investigating

OS 15/16 To resolve to exclude the Press and Public due to the confidential  
nature of the business to be conducted

Agreed

OS 16/16 To discuss any item for which the Press and Public have been

Excluded

Nothing to discuss.



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