

Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee Meeting held on Thursday 23rd April 2015 at 6pm in the Civic Centre, Eckington

Attendance: Councillors- J. Austen(Chair); C. A. Gare(Vice Chair); K. Deffley; J. S. Ridgway; B. Ridgway; C. Hunt.
Others- P. Staniforth(Clerk); M. Gazur(RFO); J. Green(Cemetery Supt.).
+ No members of the Public

OS 14/15 Apologies J. Woodruff

OS 15/15 Variation of Order of Business – Business not varied

OS 16/15 Declaration of Members Interests - Nothing declared

OS 17/15 Minutes - The Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee held on the 19th February 2015 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

OS 18/15 Minutes - The Chair duly signed and dated the Minutes.

OS 19/15 To identify items for which the Press and Public may be excluded.
Nothing Identified

OS 20/15 Cemetery The Cemetery Supt. Reported that the Sharps Training had taken place. The Supt. also reported that being a member of staff down has created problems regarding maintenance of the Cemetery.

It was agreed to call an extraordinary Meeting of the Open Spaces Committee at 5pm on the 30th April 2015 in the Civic Centre, Eckington, to find a short-term solution to the staffing issues prior to being discussed at the Council Meeting on 19th May 2015.

'Woodland Burials' It was agreed to work towards obtaining a formal quote for a geological survey on the 'triangular field' to assess its suitability. This needs to be co-ordinated with the farmer who rents the field.

Chapels of Ease – agreed to examine a future use of the Chapels.

OS 21/15 Allotments

a. Clerk to bring back new Allotment Tenancy Agreement.

b. It was noted that the Meeting of all Allotment holders will take place on Thursday 30th April 2015 at 6pm.

It was agreed that Mr. Thornton, Organic Grower Eckington Woods, be invited to speak for up to 15 minutes at the start of the meeting.

c. Allotment Strategy – Alterations to the allotment were agreed.

OS 22/15 Play Areas

a. Notes of the Play Area Review Group –received.

b. Preference List for the development of play areas was not received so item was deferred until next meeting.

c. Trees at Golden Ball Fields – agreed to investigate.

OS 23/15 Maintenance of Steadsfield –agreed to examine methodology bearing in mind costs etc.

OS 24/15 Market- agreed to continue supporting the market.

OS 25/15 War Memorials :- Marsh Lane – awaiting a quote.

OS 26/15 To resolve to exclude the Press and the Public due to the confidential nature of the business to be contracted.
- agreed

OS 27/15 To discuss any item for which the Press and Public have excluded.
Nothing to discuss.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm