

Minutes of the EPC Open Spaces Committee held on Thursday 19th February 2015 at 6pm in the Civic Centre Eckington

Attendance J. Austen (Chair); C. Gare (Vice Chair); K. Deffley; J.S. Ridgway; B. Ridgway; C. Hunt .
P.Staniforth (Clerk); M. Gazur (RFO); J. Green (Cemetery Supt.)
+ 0 Members of the Public.

OS 01/15 Apologies J. Woodruff

OS 02/15 Variation of Order of Business – business not varied.

OS 03/15 Declaration of Members Interests – None declared

OS 04/15 Minutes The Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee Meeting held on 16th October 2014 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

OS 05/15 Minutes –the Chair duly signed the Minutes.

OS 06/15 To identify items for which the Press and Public may be excluded. – nothing identified.

OS 07/15 Cemetery

- a. The Cemetery Supt. thanked the Committee for their understanding regarding his on going personal issues.
- b. It was agreed that relevant staff undergo “sharps” training following recent events at the Cemetery.
- c. It was agreed that relevant staff be given the appropriate medical assistance at the Parish Council’s expense, if the staff wish.
- d. It was reported that the apprentice had resigned his position.

OS 08/15 Allotments

- a. Allotment Strategy - A draft Allotment Strategy was presented.- Necessary alterations to be made and represented.
- b. Draft Allotment Tenancy Agreement – to be discussed at the next Open Spaces Committee.
- c. Water Meter Requests – School Street – The Clerk reported that there had been 6 requests for meters. Clive Hunt raised a query for an allotment holder (S. Pickering) regarding the decision to remove the water supply at Marsh Lane Allotments.
It was agreed that the Clerk write to the tenant outlining the process followed.
- d. The Clerk reported that there had been 2 requests for water butts.
- e. Fees and Charges It was agreed that Fees and Charges should be decided at March Parish Council Meeting, but in future fees and charges would be determined at the Open Spaces Committee.

OS 09/15 Play Areas

The Chair thanked the Play Area Review Group for their report. The Clerk to ask the group for their priority list.

OS 10/15 Market

- a. Collection of Market Rents- no problem identified.
- b. Consideration of participation in the “Love Your Market” event 13th -27th May 2015. Agreed that Councillors look at what is involved on the appropriate web site.

OS 11/15 War Memorials

Marsh Lane War Memorial – awaiting quotation “re inseting”.

OS 12/15 To resolve to exclude the Press and Pubic due to the confidential nature of of the business to be contracted. -Agreed .

OS 13/15 To discuss any item(s) for which the Press & Public have been excluded.
Nothing to discuss.

Meeting closed at 8.23 pm.