

Minutes of an Open Spaces Committee Meeting held on Thursday 19th January 2017 at 6pm in the Civic Centre Eckington

Attendance

Councillors:- C.A. Gare (Chair); C. Hunt; L. Kirton; J Ridgway and B. Ridgway.

Others:- Clerk R. Bullimore; ;
J. Green (Cemetery Spt.)

OS 42/17 Apologies

RESOLVED to note apologies received from Councillor Dye.

OS 43/17 Minutes

Minutes 30/16 – 41/16 of an Open Spaces Committee Meeting held 7th November 2016 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

The Chair signed the Minutes.

Councillor Hunt agreed to contact staff at Nursing Homes and at Landmarks and Newfield learning centres to see if they would be interested in having an allotment. An article offering allotment space to people with disabilities is to be included in the newsletter.

OS 44/17 Cemetery

- a) The cemetery staff have planted daffodil bulbs around trees near the entrance to the cemetery.
- b) 140 copper beech hedge saplings have been purchased to create a new hedge to separate the new section into two areas.
- c) The Clerk has applied to the County Council Free Tree Scheme to plant a native hedge at the top of the cemetery.
- d) The Chair and the Clerk have assessed the four foot head stones that have been erected in new section of the cemetery and suggest that these should remain in situ. It was agreed that the 3 foot maximum height headstone policy is to be reinforced in any new sections.
- e) It was agreed that the gentleman who purchased a plot for wheelchair access to enable him to visit his deceased wives grave is reimbursed.
- f) To defer discussion of child burials and associated costs until the next Open Spaces Meeting.

g) The cemetery superintendent suggested that a path should be installed between the last row of graves and the new beech hedge. He agreed to get quotations.

h) Clerk agreed to arrange a visit to a Wild Burial site during the Spring.

OS 45/17 Allotments

Clerk informed the Committee that eviction letters had been sent to Tenants who are not maintaining their plots.

Vacant plots have been offered to people on the waiting list.

OS 46/17 Play Areas

The Committee agreed on the following:

Installation of a standard bench at Renishaw Golden Ball play area.

Installation of a multi-coloured bench at Marsh Lane play area.

Clerk to ask the District Council to paint Emmet Carr, Ida's Road and Ridgeway play areas.

Public Footpath signs are installed on posts leading to Marsh Lane, Darcy Road and Landsbury Road play areas. Clerk to seek permission to attach waymarker play area signs to these posts. Clerk to apply for permission to erect posts and play area waymaker signs near Emmet Carr, Ash Crescent and Main Road Renishaw play areas.

Clerk to look at what can be done to block a gap in the hedge at Ida's Road play area where a section of the green mesh fence has been removed to make a short cut onto the play area.

Clerk agreed to get additional quotations for the purchase and installation of a Child's swing at Ridgeway play area.

OS 47/17 Dog and Litter Bins

Committee Members agreed to feedback to the Clerk if the bins are being emptied regularly and if they think any of them require emptying more often than scheduled.

The dog bin sited opposite the shops on Ravencar Road is owned and maintained by the District Council. The Clerk has asked if it can be relocated at the end of the path leading to Back Lane in response to dog walker requests.

OS 48/17 Assets

The Committee considered the asset register and agreed to feedback any comments to the Clerk.

OS 49/17 War Memorials

Awaiting plans for the new Memorial for Renishaw.

Councillor Gare to consult with the Marsh Lane Tara group on the design of an inset with the names of the fallen to be attached to Marsh Lane Memorial.

OS 50/17 Grit Bins

Following the completion of Foxstone Way, Rykeneld Homes have offered to install a grit bin in a location approved by the Council. The Committee agreed for the bin to be installed at the corner of Pit Street and Set Cup Lane.

OS 51/17 Public Right of Way Footpaths

Councillors to inform the Clerk of any public footpaths in the parish that require maintenance. The Clerk will ask the Ramblers Association to clear the footpaths and claim Rights of Way Maintenance for any costs incurred.