

Minutes of an Open Spaces Committee Meeting held on Thursday 4th October 2018 at 6pm in the Civic Centre Eckington

Attendance

Councillors: - C. Gare; K Deffley; A Dye; C Hunt; L Kirton; B Ridgway and J Ridgway.

Others: - Clerk R. Bullimore

OS 25/18 Apologies

RESOLVED to note apologies received from Councillor C Harper (Work) E Fisher. Cemetery Supervisor John Green (Holiday)

OS 26/18 Minutes

Minutes 11/18 – 24/18 of an Open Spaces Committee Meeting held 5th July 2018 were agreed as a true and accurate subject to recording the apologies of Councillor Kirton.

The Chair signed the Minutes.

OS 27/18 Cemetery

Councillors agreed that the cemetery is being well maintained.

Clerk read the cemetery supervisors report

RECOMMENDATIONS

Letters to be sent to the owner of a grave to ask them to remove a conifer. If not removed within two weeks cemetery staff to remove it.

Hawthorn and black thorn hedge to be planted next to the mesh fence to the right hand side of the entrance.

Damaged sink in the public toilet to be replaced with a metal sink.

Clerk informed the Committee that two companies have agreed to sponsor the proposed two new litter bins for the cemetery.

Cemetery staff have concerns about using Roundup weed spray. Clerk to ask the District Council what weed killer they use and to ask for a quote to spray the weeds at the cemetery.

Bench replacement policy deferred.

OS 28/18 Allotments

Prior to the Open Spaces meeting there was a meeting for allotment tenants. 19 tenants and Members of the Open Spaces Committee and Councillor B Ridgway attended the meeting.

Issues raised:

Duckett Lane – Flooding, problem with footpath where the new sewer pipe has been installed.

School Street – Questions about the water bill schedule, request for more allotment inspections, request for mulch, request for green recycle waste bins, discussed the possibility of an allotment association to manage the site.

Lansbury Road – Security issue.

RESOLVED Clerk to inspect the sites and investigate the issues raised.

There are 4 plots available on Ducksett Lane and one plot available at Landsbury Road which will be offered to the next people on the waiting list. Letters have been sent to tenants who are not maintaining their plots at Marsh Lane and School Street. There are 19 people on the allotment waiting list who are waiting for specific sites and another 10 people have been added to the waiting list recently.

The water supply for Marsh Lane has been installed.

OS 29/18 Play Areas

Councillor Gare reported following a recent play inspection that most of the play areas are looking good. She collected 4 bags of litter at Idas Road play area. Ridgeway play area is still be painted.

Members considered quotations to install an off-road bike deterrent gate at the recreation ground off Idas Road. RESOLVED Clerk to obtain further quotes.

RECOMMEND To precept for the purchase and installation of multicoloured benches at Renishaw, Landsbury and Ash Crescent play areas.

RECOMMEND Chair and Clerk to create a letting policy for the hire of green spaces.

RECOMMEND To accept the quotation and design for play area signs to be installed at all parish owned play areas. The parish handyman to install the signs.

Clerk to ask the District Council to remove graffiti from the shower block at the Golden Ball field.

OS 30/18 Markets

A meeting to discuss markets to be arranged on the 15th or 22nd November. Clerk to ask Councillors which date they would prefer.

Market Committee to consider advertising options for the market.

OS 31/18 Renishaw War Memorial

Members considered a suggestion to install interpretation boards next to the parish owned war memorials and decided that this would be impractical.

OS 32/18 Litter Bins

RECOMMEND free dog bags are made available at parish owned community halls, Green Lawns, Friendship Hall and in the library.

To remove the damaged litter bin at Ridgeway and not to replace it.

To replace the bin at Stead Street if it is a poor condition.

To continue to monitor the dog bin at Darcy Road play area.

To precept for the installation of a litter bin on the corner of Bramley Road and Ridge Road, Marsh Lane.

Dog bin to be installed in a new location at Staniforth Avenue. Clerk to write to the farmer who damaged the bin to reclaim the costs back for its replacement.

Councillor Kirton reported on a style that is damaged and the large amount of dog bags strung in the trees on the public footpath on the field that leads to

the golf course from Littlemoor. RECOMMEND a litter bin is placed on the grass verge near the style.

OS 33/18 Maintenance of Public Footpaths

RESOLVED to note public footpaths with grass surface are maintained (mown) by the District Council 12 cuts per annum. Most hedges are maintained once a year during the autumn/winter period. Some of the narrow housing link footpaths have an additional cut during summer months.

OS 34/18 Tree Maintenance

RESOLVED Clerk to obtain 3 quotes for a tree maintenance plan.
RECOMMEND the removal all of the popular trees at Warren Crescent play area.

OS 35/18 Street furniture

RECOMMEND the replacement of the bench at Main Road, Marsh Lane that was burnt out when a vehicle caught fire.
To precept for the parish owned bus shelters in Renishaw to have new glass or Perspex windows fitted.

To defer discussing street furniture lists.

Councillor Hunt to ask the District Council to install a grit bin halfway up Lowfield Road at Ridgeway.

OS 36/19 Land for sale at Rectory Close

RECOMMEND not to purchase land for sale at Rectory Close.

OS 37/18 Funding

RECOMMEND Funding is sought for a war memorial at Renishaw once the design has been confirmed by Councillor B Ridgway.