

Minutes of an Open Spaces Committee Meeting held on Thursday 5th July 2018 at 6pm in the Civic Centre Eckington

Attendance

Councillors: - C. Gare; A Dye; C Hunt.

Others: - Clerk R. Bullimore; Cemetery Supervisor John Green

OS 11/18 Apologies

RESOLVED to note apologies received from Councillor J Ridgway, B Ridgway (illness) C Harper, K Deffley and C Tite (Work)

OS 12/18 Variation of Order of Business

RESOLVED to move cemetery to the first item for discussion.

OS 13/18 Minutes

Minutes 1/18 – 10/18 of an Open Spaces Committee Meeting held 18th February 2018 were agreed as a true and accurate subject to recording the attendance of Councillors C Hunt and B Ridgway.

The Chair signed the Minutes.

OS 14/18 Asset Register

Members agreed that the Asset Register and Policy were inline.

OS15/18 Cemetery

Councillors agreed that the cemetery is being well maintained and they thanked the Cemetery Supervisor. Discussion took place about the cemetery visit.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Letter to be sent to people who have placed ornaments, photos, flowers, pictures and other items to ask for them to be removed within two weeks. If not removed Cemetery Staff to remove them.

Letters to be sent to people who have purchased benches in the cemetery that are no longer fit for purpose. To inform them that they are to be removed due to health and safety reasons and that they are not to be replaced.

The Council's policy not to allow any more benches to be installed in the cemetery to be adhered to. One bench which was ordered before the policy was agreed will be fitted when the staff have completed planting the beech hedge.

Temporary repair to be carried out on the roof of the Chapel of Ease to prevent any damage to the building.

Dead flowers to be removed on a regular basis.

Two brown tourist signs to be installed one on the A6135 and one on the B6058. One cemetery sign to be installed at the entrance to the cemetery on Windmill Greenway. The application fee per sign is £156.99 plus there is an annual maintenance charge of £40 per sign. If the application is approved details of the cost of the signs and installation will be approved at a later stage.

To amend the cemetery rules and include no balloons to be placed in the cemetery.

RESOLVED to note Councillor Harper has donated some flowers for the fountains. These have been planted and watered daily but due to the hot weather they are drying out.

OS16/18 Allotments

There are 4 plots available on Ducksett Lane which will be offered to the next people on the waiting list. Newfield Learning Centre have been offered a plot as a community allotment. There are a number of people on the waiting list that are waiting for plots on School Street and Marsh Lane.

The water supply for Marsh Lane has not be installed yet. Clerk to ensure it is installed as soon as possible.

A request from a tenant for the Council to clear an allotment site was refused.

The Clerk was notified about a damaged fence on Sitwells allotments.

The Clerk has been notified about a dispute regarding access to the Gleadless allotments. RECOMMEND a solicitor is employed to confirm the legal access.

RECOMMEND application for a beehive on School Street allotments to be approved.

RECOMMEND a meeting is arranged to discuss setting up of an allotment association to manage School Street allotments.

OS17/18 Play Areas

Clerk informed Members of a complaint of antisocial behaviour and off-road biking on the field next to Idas Road play area. The District Council are to recommend a vehicle and pedestrian access gate.

The District Council are designing a sign for installation in the play areas.

OS 18/18 Markets

Clerk to arrange a meeting to discuss markets.

OS 19/18 Renishaw War Memorial

RECOMMEND Clerk to apply for a cultivation licence to install a WW1 Commemorative bench on the area where the Renishaw War Memorial is to be placed.

Clerk to ask stonemasons if they can rewrite the letters on the Marsh Lane war memorial.

OS 20/18 Litter Bins

Clerk informed Members that she had asked Rykneld Homes to install a bin at Ridge Road Marsh Lane. She had asked the District Council to install a bin at Spring Lane Renishaw.

OS/21/18 Grit Bin

Councillor Hunt agreed to look at where a grit bin could be sited on Pitt Street, Eckington.

OS/22/18 Public Footpath

RESOLVED to note the public footpath between 72 and 74 Landsbury Road is maintained by the District Council.

OS/23/18 Bird Ringing Report

A bird ringing report for the period of October 2017 – March 2018 was made available for Members.

OS/24/18 Ford Picnic Area

Clerk informed Members that a meeting is to be arranged with the District Council, Ridgeway In Bloom, Ridgeway School, Bridge Inn, Fishermen, Councillors, Police and interested parties to discuss plans and funding options for the picnic area improvements.