



HATFIELD BROAD OAK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 30TH JUNE 2020

VIA ZOOM

PRESENT:

Cllrs Keith Artus (KA), (Chairman) Cllrs Vanessa Ambler (VA), Terry Marsh (TM), Oliver Nancarrow (ON), Mark Strutt (MS) in attendance Cllrs Pemberton (TP), Susan Smith (SS), Clerk to the Council Ernie Fenwick and 2 members of the public.

283. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME & PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chairman welcomed Members of the public and invited them to address the Committee
No Items were raised by members of the public

284. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

285. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS

Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee Meeting held on 5th June 2019
Proposed TB Seconded CW Carried unanimously

286. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

None

287. MAINTENANCE ITEMS

287.1. Safety Inspections and Issues: All Items under 287.2 Anne Lees path were discussed and it was agreed for an inspection to take place tomorrow morning by KA and TM

287.2. Anne Lees Path

287.2.1. Ditch clearing along Anne Lees path

287.2.1.1. Community Service workers

287.2.1.2. Volunteers from Village including Cage End Close

287.2.1.3. Obtain quotes from contractors

287.2.2. Tree Work. KA has a quote from Tree Maintenance Company for trimming the Ash tree on the corner and cutting the ivy around the tree and will contact them.

287.2.3. Highways responsibilities MS raised issue regarding trees at the rear of Tanglewood and near the head of Cage End Close Clerk to chase up highways

287.2.4. Collapsed embankment. Inspection to take place tomorrow (See 287.1). This is a far more serious engineering work which is beyond the scope of the Parish Council. The watercourse engineer Glen Shaw has submitted this to Highways.

287.3. Recreation Ground

287.3.1. Review quotes for tidying path from Rec to High Street. Still awaiting quotes. MS will chase up.

287.3.2. Additional litter bin at Medlars Mead. Bin to be collected by George Haddon and then by TBS Hygiene after September. MS will speak to Richard Ridler regarding previous supplier.

287.3.3. Under 5's area. Nothing further to report at present

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287.4. Village Green

- 287.4.1. *Village Gate Closer Update.* Flap at bottom of gate has become detached. MS will look at tomorrow.
- 287.4.2. *Painting old storage container.* KA has done part of the job and will be finishing the paintwork when the primer has been obtained. KA to forward details to the Clerk for ordering
- 287.4.3. *Fence repairs.* MS has a gadget to fix the fencing
- 287.4.4. *Tree planting.* Deferred to autumn
- 287.4.5. *Maintenance machinery.* Football Foundation very positive regarding the grant application
Employment of Contractor for machinery. Possibly two applicants for grass cutting/handyman. To be interviewed
- 287.4.6. *Vehicle entrance.* Small sign to be placed on gate. Wording to be agreed. MS to supply to KA
- 287.4.7. *Petanque Court.* This has now been well used and needs regularly raking and levelling. KA will go tomorrow. Should settle down over a period of a few weeks. KA has written to UK Petanque organisation asking for procedure to form a club and join a league. Awaiting response. Seating should be arriving imminently
- 287.4.8. *BBQ hut.* Nothing to report on that
- 287.4.9. *Lease and Licences.* More information required
- 287.4.10. *Litter and Bins.* Access to portaloo services. Key will be supplied by MS
- 287.4.11. *Vermin Control.* KA has asked for a programme but has not yet heard back. Rabbits are digging up the pitches.
- 287.4.12. *Football Goals.* Quotation has been received for the supply of small mesh nets with 45mm square mesh which will prevent climbing. Price at £180 per set. We will require two sets. Clerk to order.
- 287.4.12.1. *Encouraging participation.* Nothing further
- 287.4.13. *Picnic Benches.* KA will obtain a price from Ashwell's for more benches.
- 287.4.14. *Outdoor Gym and trim trail.* MS suggested cutting steps into the bank as a start for a trim trail. KA asked MS to investigate professional advice.
- 287.4.14.1. *Seek Grants.* Clerk has circulated information regarding outdoor gyms which are of the order of £10,000. Ideal opportunity for a grant funded project. TP suggested a trim

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trail around all the open spaces. MS said he hoped to have team training and would need equipment more centralised. To be considered.

287.4.14.2. Consider location

287.4.15. Irrigation. Improved sprinkler system is required. Two hoses have currently been borrowed.

287.4.16. Notice Boards. Nothing to report yet.

287.5. Other Areas.

287.5.1. Footpaths.

287.5.1.1. Feathers Hill to Sausage Factory. Has been reported to ECC Highways. The landowner is David Milne. Clerk to send plan to KA

Footpath from Dukes Orchard to the school is in very poor condition. Clerk to report to Highways

287.5.2. Signage

287.5.2.1. Consider purchase of signs, mesh fence rolls, fence poles and warning tape. Plenty of mesh available from 10K run

287.5.3. Grass at Broad Street. Due to be cut imminently

287.5.4. Grass in High Street. Due to be cut imminently

288. ITEMS TO BE SUBMITTED TO PARISH COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL

288.1. Costings for picnic tables; Concepts for notice board; Approvals for payment at the Petanque Court

289. MATTERS TO BE RAISED BY MEMBERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

290. DATES OF NEXT MEETING

28th July

25 August

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