



HATFIELD BROAD OAK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM

7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 30th MARCH 2021

PRESENT:

Cllrs Tessa Pemberton (TP), (Chairman) Cllrs Terry Marsh (TM), Tracy Marsh, (TB), Susan Smith (SS), Mark Strutt (MS), Chris Webb (CW) in attendance Clerk to the Council Ernie Fenwick and 2 members of the public.

363. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME & PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- The Chairman welcomed everyone present and opened the meeting and advised everyone that the meeting is being recorded
- The following items were raised by members of the public
- Disabled access to the Village Green. Could we consider what type of access

364. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received

365. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 23rd February were approved and signed

Proposed TP Seconded TB In favour 4 abstentions 2

366. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

- TM has a personal interest in the walking football
- MS declared Nonpecuniary and personal non prejudicial interests as follows for the Village Green and Recreation Ground as the:
- Trustee of the HBO Sports and Community Club, Head Coach and Chair of HBO Youth FC, and
- Secretary of the Cricket Club, and Instructor of Hatfield Broad Oak Ch'uan Chang Do Kung Fu Club

367. COVID-19 MEASURES

- The new Government regulations do not affect us at present. The relaxation of lockdown will need to be watched.
- Walking Football Risk Assessment received. Will probably struggle to get more than 6 or 8 players. Uncertain as to whether or not they are affiliated to the FA. TM to double check the rules and report back.

368. ASSET REGISTER

- Fuel is stored in 2 metal jerrycans. Diesel is in red and petrol in green
- Clerk to order self-adhesive stickers "Diesel" and "Petrol"
- Clerk to order Lawn edge trimmer

369. KEYHOLDER REGISTER

- Combination locks to be provided as the combinations can be changed if compromised.

370. MOTIONS

None

371. MAINTENANCE ITEMS

371.1. Safety Inspections and Issues.

371.1.1. Contractors' quotes. Not all quotes have been received yet

371.1.2. Tree works.

371.1.3. Inspection of Oak tree 101. Report required as it is believed it may be hollow and if it is 40% hollow it should not be climbed. The tree may well be 1000 years old.

371.1.4. Anne Lees path. Steve Matthews has suffered an injury so the work is delayed. The stream is running clearly despite all of the recent rain.

371.2. Recreation Ground.

- 371.2.1. Gate closer. Still waiting for Steve to source a suitable closer. There is a sign on the gate "Please shut the gate" but not many observe it. Parents should be in control of their children when they approach the High Street. Proposal to fit a gate to the High Street entrance. Cost is around £1230 similar to the playground. Take to full council
- 371.2.2. Play equipment. Young children are enjoying playing on the new equipment. Location for the slide. It needs to be adjacent to the existing equipment but towards the Scout hut. Carried unanimously. It would be nice to hear the public reaction. 90 people "liked" the pictures on Facebook.
- 371.2.3. Weed killing and moss treatment
- 371.3. Village Green.
 - 371.3.1. Review of Village Green usage. Existing terms and conditions do not work for Sports clubs
 - 371.3.1.1. Councillors asked to consider options for the events application for next meeting.
 - 371.3.2. Gate closer.
 - We are required in law to work with the disabled community to provide a suitable access to the village green. Request from a disabled person for a picnic table and if the village green is suitable for disabled access. MS has had a contact from someone who works in the disability field for help. Community in the village to be contacted for views. MS will put "Please shut the Gate" signs
 - 371.3.2.1. Storage containers.
 - 371.3.2.2. Update on painting of old container. We are grateful to Cllr Artus for his offer to paint the containers when the weather improves. To Full council meeting.
- 371.3.3. Vermin Control. Nothing further on the rabbits. Ask Colin to fill rabbit holes
- 371.3.4. Football Goals.
 - 371.3.4.1. Weekly safety check. Not received as yet. Possibly due to the weather conditions. MS has contacted the person carrying out the checks and they will be forwarded to the clerk in the next couple of days.
- 371.3.5. Walking Football request to use the VG. Approved.
- 371.3.6. Youth Shelter.
 - Clerk has received a response from Insurance company that they are in touch with the underwriters and should have a resolution soon.
- 371.3.7. Repairing Fences. No progress due to weather conditions.
- 371.3.8. Ring Drain. Grants opened up on the 15th March.
- 371.3.9. Verti-draining. Order placed with George Browns on 25th March
- 371.3.10. Weed killing and moss treatment
 - 371.3.10.1. Moss is a big problem. Chemicals will require COSH specification. Harrowing could also assist in removing moss.
- 371.3.11. Memorial Bench
 - 371.3.11.1. Cleaning and Wood protection. Approved. TB will report on what is being used.
 - 371.3.11.2. Plaque in memory of Geoff Revill. Approved.
- 371.4. Other Areas.
- 371.5. Outdoor Gym Equipment. Nothing further to report
- 371.6. Cleaning Village Sign. Ask Highway Rangers.
 - 371.6.1. Grass Cutting & Maintenance.
 - 371.6.2. Risk Assessment for Tractor and equipment.
 - 371.6.3. Update on contract for contractor. Clerk to seek advice.

372. ITEMS TO BE SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL TO FULL COUNCIL

Youth shelter & Gym;

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

374. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

27th April

25th May

29th June

Meeting closed at 9:57 pm