



HATFIELD BROAD OAK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM

7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 27th APRIL 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.

375. 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
- Flying of models on the Village Green. Members of the British Model Flying Association and are CAA registered. To fly aircraft over 250 grams you need to pass a test and have an operator's licence. This is not a hobby where anyone can just pick up an aeroplane and fly it. There must be certification. There must be rules to cover flying on the Village Green.

376. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Smith is at another meeting. Cllr Artus has another meeting tonight at 8.30 pm and will need to leave at 7.15pm

377. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS

Minutes of Open Spaces Committee Meeting held on 30th March were approved and signed

Proposed TP Seconded TB In favour 4 abstentions 2

378. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

- TM TB, CW and KA : No interests
- 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
- Trustee of HBO Sports Club

379. COVID-19 MEASURES

- The new Government regulations do not affect us at present. The relaxation of lockdown will need to be watched.
- MS has prepared relative notices for the Village Green but they have not yet been erected

380. ASSET REGISTER

- Anomalies on cast iron bollards in Cage End and High Street.
- PC owns the Cast iron bollards at the top of Cage End. The timber bollards were erected by the residents

381. KEYHOLDER REGISTER

- Combination locks to be provided as the combinations can be changed if compromised.
- KA Practical Issue. The reason that the security bar was put in place.
- The old locks belonged to the OSC and were disposed of as being unusable.
- MS The lock has always been in an enclosed area.
- KA this is because the lock cannot be seen

382. MOTIONS

To consider removing two items of damaged trim trail equipment in the recreation ground:

- Short post adjacent to the junior Multiplay – damaged at base and unstable
- Plank walkway – end section broken off and splintered

383. MAINTENANCE ITEMS**383.1. Safety Inspections and Issues.**

- 383.1.1. Contractors' quotes.
- 383.1.2. Tree works. Orders have been placed for works to Rec
- 383.1.3. Inspection of Oak tree 101. Ancient Oak habitat is. Although it is hollow that is part of its development. We should not be parking cars underneath. One quote received for Picus Report and a second one has been requested. Ultra sound Picus Report has been ordered
- 383.1.4. When the hollow is getting faster then the cambium can build the outer ring. It is only then that the oak tree hollow will be a problem
- 383.1.5. Anne Lees path. Steve Matthews hoping to start tomorrow to the section by the bridge and the section further up.

383.2. Recreation Ground.

- 383.2.1. Gate closer. TB has contacted Broadmead Leisure and they will have a look later this week and respond. 2 quotes required, AS Matthews may also be able to quote.
- 383.2.2. Play equipment. Little Miss Muffet is expected on 10th May. Neighbour will be notified. Must be placed to avoid sun damage. Must not be facing south.
- 383.2.3. Weed killing and moss treatment. Not so much moss treatment on the Rec.

383.3. Village Green.

- 383.3.1.1. Review of Village Green usage.
 - 383.3.1.2. Dogs to be on a lead during sports matches.
 - 383.3.1.3. Councillors asked to consider options for the events application for next meeting. Cllr Artus left the meeting
 - 383.3.2. Gate closer. Sign asking to close the gate is erected. Young children do open gates on their own
 - 383.3.3. Storage containers.
 - 383.3.3.1. Update on painting of old container. Cllr Artus no longer willing to paint container
 - 383.3.4. Vermin Control. Colin has tried to fill the holes, but they keep opening them up.
 - 383.3.5. Football Goals.
 - 383.3.5.1. Weekly safety check. Not received as yet.
 - 383.3.6. Walking Football request to use the VG. Approved.
 - 383.3.7. Youth Shelter.

Clerk has received a response from Insurance company that they will pay the amount of the lower quotation £2760 and we are able to make any decision on replacement or repair. Roof is not built with appropriate materials. Further options to be explored.
 - 383.3.8. Repairing Fences. No progress due to weather conditions. TB has spoken to PW May who will respond.
 - 383.3.9. Ring Drain. Grants opened up on the 15th March.
 - 383.3.10. Verti-draining. Order placed with George Browns on 25th March
 - 383.3.11. Weed killing and moss treatment. Clerk has asked Albury's for quote, but not received yet.
 - 383.3.11.1. Harrowing could also assist in removing moss. Could take 2 hours @ £70 per hour. Proposed to try the harrowing Carried unanimously
 - 383.3.12. Memorial Bench
 - 383.3.12.1. Cleaning and Wood protection has commenced and will contact councillors for decision on preservative when clean.
 - 383.3.12.2. Plaque in memory of Geoff Revill has been installed
 - 383.3.13. Top soil
 - 383.3.14. Play equipment. Picnic Table is en route
 - 383.3.15. Lawn trimmers have been purchased. There are no wheelbarrow in the containers
- 383.4. Other Areas.**
- 383.5. Cleaning Village Sign.** Has been cleaned on one side by the Kidman's, but the other side needs specialist paint or enamel.
- 383.5.1. Grass Cutting & Maintenance.

383.5.2. Risk Assessment for Tractor and equipment.

384. ITEMS TO BE SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL TO FULL COUNCIL

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

Benches in Recreation Ground;

386. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

25th May

Meeting closed at 9:57 pm

29th June