



WINCANTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 7PM ON WEDNESDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2021 AT THE TOWN HALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Anderson, Ellard, Hix, Tudgay and Walters.

IN ATTENDANCE: Stephen Hill, Town Clerk and Steve Lee, Works & Maintenance Supervisor

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – there was no public participation.

24-22 **APOLOGIES**

Cllr Smith gave his apologies. There were no other apologies.

25-22 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

26-22 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th July 2021 were approved as an accurate record as amended to include for “repair to working order the rocking horse” and will be signed by the Chairman at a later date.

Proposed: Cllr Walter, Seconded: Cllr Anderson: unanimous

27-22 **WORKS MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR’S REPORT**

Committee **RECEIVED** a report from the Works & Maintenance Supervisor. The Spring will be installed later this week; benches are now ready to be installed; MUGA posts are starting to move (Cllrs will visit site planned for 18/9/21); dog waste bin has been installed. The Trustees of Wincanton Utd Charities have agreed £1k donation for restoration of benches at Bayford. Graffiti has been reported to the Police and removed. Tiger Mulch has been agreed as quoted. Pod Swing has been agreed by Full Council July 2021. The option to include name plaques on benches was considered and will be sourced. A photo opportunity will be taken when benches are installed.

28-22 **RIDING OF BIKES IN CONEYGORE**

Committee discussed complaints about the riding of bikes in Coneygore.

RESOLVED – that the situation be kept under review.

Proposed: Cllr Ellard, Seconded: Cllr Anderson: unanimous

29-22 **DRINKING FOUNTAIN AT CALE PARK**

Committee considered replacement of the drinking fountain at Cale Park including that it had previously been decided to stop as being blocked with sand.

RESOLVED – that the Chairman investigate different options and prices.

Proposed: Cllr Ellard, Seconded: Cllr Vagg: unanimous

30-22 **GREEN MARGIN IN THE CHURCHYARD**
Committee considered maintenance of part of the margin of the Churchyard for wild flowers as initially proposed by One Planet Wincanton.

RESOLVED – that the Council will not mow for 12 months and then review September 2022.

Proposed: Cllr Ellard, Seconded: Cllr Vagg: unanimous

31-22 **TOWN APPEARANCE WEEDS**
Committee considered the Town Council's responses to concerns about the town's environment / appearance especially concerns about overgrown areas and noted some areas where weeds have been seen. WTC has previously asked SSDC not to use glyphosate weedkiller. SSDC to be asked what it can do before Christmas 2021; WEEP/CATCH to be asked if they want to arrange for weed removal.

RESOLVED – that the Council ask CATCH and One Planet Wincanton with feedback via email.

Proposed: Cllr Anderson, Seconded: Cllr Ellard: unanimous

32-22 **CEMETERY EXTENSION**
Committee discussed progress with the cemetery extension following the last meeting July 2021 and agreed that a date for a site visit needs to be arranged.

33-22 **SIGNAGE AT CALE PARK**
Committee considered consolidation of signage and removal of unneeded signs at Cale Park following a site visit July 2021 and agreed that most signs are superfluous and therefore can be removed.

RESOLVED – that a meeting with Timmis be arranged to agree signs for removal and progress with adoption and report back to Open Spaces Committee.

Proposed: Cllr Ellard, Seconded: Cllr Tudgay: unanimous

Date of Next Meeting 10 November 2021

The meeting closed 20:40

Signed

Date