

# HENSTRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of a meeting of Henstridge Parish Council's Open Spaces Committee held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016.**

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**Present:** Simon Cullum (Chair), John Graham, Carolyn Nichols and David Nichols.

**Clerk:** Zöe Godden

The meeting started at 19:30.

There were no members of the public present at the start of the meeting.

## **1. Apologies for absence.**

No apologies had been received.

## **2. Declarations of Interest.**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **3. Public Participation.**

No members of the public were present.

## **4. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016.**

**RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to approve the minutes as presented.**

## **5. Matters deferred and arising from previous meetings.**

There were no matters arising.

## **6. Footpaths**

- a. To note that the Clerk had written to the owners of Bridge House regarding the possible new footpath and was awaiting a response.

**Noted.**

## **7. Recreation Ground**

- a. To hear feedback from Somerset Landscapes on the remaining weeds not killed by recent treatment by another company.

The Clerk had been advised that the weeds should be treated again next year around April and that treating them again this year would not be cost effective as weed killer works best in the growing season.

- b. To hear an update on progress with the perimeter track project and agree any further action to be taken.

The Clerk reported that she had had to request new quotes from two of the contractors as their measurements had not been comparable with the quote from SSDC. One of these new quotes had been received and the Clerk was waiting to hear from Valetta.

## **8. Cemetery**

- a. To review burial ground fees from neighbouring councils and agree any further action to be taken.

Members reviewed the charges from neighbouring parishes.

**RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to set prices for 2017/18 as shown in the list attached to these minutes.**

***Action 161024/1: Parish Clerk***

- b. To consider quotes for removal of the spoil heap and agree which to accept; to agree any further action to be taken.

**RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to accept the quote from JH Rose and Sons.**

***Action 161024/2: Parish Clerk***

**9. Oak Vale Woodland**

- a. To hear an update on proposed drainage work at Oak Vale Woodland and agree further action to be taken.

David Nichols reported that he hoped to meet his contact at the woodland soon to obtain a quote. The Clerk was instructed to ask J H Rose and Sons for a quote.

***Actions 161024/3: DN & Parish Clerk***

**10. Budget:** To discuss and agree the budget request to be presented to the full council for 2017/18.

The draft budget was discussed and some amendments suggested.

**RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to approve the draft budget, incorporating the suggested amendments, as per the attached budget sheet.**

***Action 161024/4: Parish Clerk***

**11. Future meetings:** to agree that the next Open Spaces Committee meeting should take place on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016 at 7.30pm.

The meeting ended at 20:15.

**Agreed and signed by the Chair** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_