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Draft Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee held on Monday 16th September 2019

Present: Carolyn Nichols (Chair), Ken Courtenay, David Nichols, Peter Crocker, Andrew McMillan and Barry Howlett

Clerk: Emma Curtis

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

The meeting started at 19:32

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from John Graham

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to approve the reason for absence as reported.

2. Declarations of Interest

None received

3. Public Participation

There were no members of the public in attendance

4. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th June 2019

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

5. Ranger Scheme: To confirm the list of jobs and responsibilities for the Parish Ranger Scheme

The list of jobs and responsibilities for the ranger to undertake was reviewed and agreed. The Clerk was requested to follow up with SSDC and commence the process of implementing the Ranger Scheme. The duties and hours of the two Parish Council handymen were also discussed along with the purchase of a new strimmer which was approved.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to commence the trial Parish Ranger Scheme with SSDC and to purchase a new strimmer

6. Village Litter Pick: To confirm the dates of the next Village Litter Picks, consider a Village Litter Pick representative, advertising of litter picks and roadside signage

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to hold the next litter picks on Saturday 16th November 2019 and Saturday 14th March 2020 and for the Clerk to advertise them.

7. Village Hall Car Park Improvements: Consider ways forward to improve the Village Hall Car Park surfacing

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to defer this item until the Village Hall Management Committee had prepared plans for modifications at the Village Hall. The project would then be discussed between the Parish Council and Village Hall Management Committee to consider division of costs.

Andrew McMillan joined the meeting at this point.

8. Allotments: To receive a report from the Parish Council allotments representative Barry Howlett reported that the Clerk had circulated a letter to allotment holders introducing him as the allotments representative. Barry reported that some allotment holders were keen to see improvements in the allotments such as more water access, poly tunnels and a shed to meet and make refreshments. The possibility of organising an Allotment Association was considered. Barry and the Clerk reported that the lock had again gone missing from the entrance gate and it was agreed to review this in the Spring. Barry suggested some apple trees be planted in a couple of vacant plots, it was felt this was a good idea and that the garden vouchers the Council had received could be used towards the purchase.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and resolved to purchase some apple trees to plant in some of the vacant allotment plots.

9. Recreation Ground Key Holders: To consider Recreation Ground Key Holders Carolyn Nichols provided Andrew McMillan, Peter Crocker and John Graham with keys for emergencies. It was agreed to replace the signage and key holders list on the Village Hall noticeboard.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to purchase new signage

10. To receive reports from the Clerk on: Allotments, Recreation Ground, Burial Ground, Fly Tipping, Highways issues and grit bins
The Clerk provided reports on all areas particularly the Play Area Inspection reports which had been circulated to all Councillors. The issue of dogs in the churchyard was discussed and it was agreed the Clerk speak with SSDC about relocating the dog waste bin and the Vicar regarding the issue. It was agreed that Carolyn and David Nichols would inform the Clerk how many bags of grit would be required for the forthcoming colder months. It was agreed that the Clerk and Carolyn Nichols would meet and audit what is currently stored in the green shed at the recreation ground. Ken Courtenay reported the Recreation Ground had recently won a Commendation Award and it was agreed to display the certificate outside the Village Hall.

11. Purchase of new benches: To note purchase of two new benches for recreation ground, consider quotations for installation and landscaping around benches
Noted.

12. BMX Pump Track: To receive a report on the status of the new BMX Pump Track
The Clerk provided an update on the progress of the BMX Pump Track confirming work would commence in October and grant funding for the remaining monies was being applied for. Peter Crocker suggested that any leftover spoil be used in the dip where the old zip wire was located.

13. Date of the next meeting: The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 30th October 2019 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.



Emma Curtis
Parish Clerk