



# HENSTRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Draft Minutes of Henstridge Parish Council's Open Spaces Committee meeting on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7.30pm at Henstridge Village Hall

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**Present:** Cllr Carolyn Nichols (Chair), Cllr David Nichols, Cllr Simon Cullum, Cllr Ken Courtenay and Cllr Dennis Finch

**Also Present:** Frazer Cooke PPLO

**Clerk:** Emma Curtis

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Received from Cllr John Graham  
**RESOLVED:** It was proposed and agreed to approve the reason for absence as reported.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None received
3. **Minutes: To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022:**  
**RESOLVED:** It was proposed and agreed to approve the minutes as presented. The Chair duly signed the minutes.
4. **Action List: To review Action List:**  
The Action List was reviewed by members and the Clerk updated on progress of actions.
5. **Parish Paths Liaison Officer: To receive any updates on footpaths issues:**  
PPLO Frazer Cooke provided a comprehensive report on footpaths within the parish detailing that there were current 15 issues logged with SCC, some dating back to 2016. Frazer noted that some of the works would require permission from landowners and that some landowners needed to address footpaths which are overgrown and inaccessible. The Clerk provided a key for the green shed at the recreation ground so that equipment can be moved and stored there. It was noted that the tree which had fallen down over the railway line still needs to be moved and the Clerk was asked to write to the landowner.  
**Action: OSC310322/1 Parish Clerk**
6. **Allotments: To receive any updates:**  
The Clerk reported that renewals and invoices had been circulated along with information about forming an allotments association and that to date no tenant had come forward with interest in forming an association. The Clerk stated that one person had expressed interest in being the allotments representative and it was agreed to wait until the next meeting for a decision to be made. Cllr C Nichols stated that the Ranger would start work in the allotments shortly.
7. **Cemetery and Burial Ground: To receive any updates:**  
The Clerk reported that a tablet had been purchased for memorial headstone testing and that testing would commence in the Spring/Summer. The Clerk stated that quotes were being gained for the pathway and grant providers were being investigated for the Lych Gate. Cllr C Nichols stated she had received compliments on how well the churchyard is looking.
8. **Litter Pick: To note Litter Pick date of Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May and confirm two further dates:**  
The Litter Pick planned for Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May was noted. It was agreed that two further Litter Picks would take place on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July and Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.  
**Action: OSC310322/2 Parish Clerk**

9. **Furge Lane Field: To receive any updates and consider ideas for future use of the field:**  
The Clerk confirmed that the tenant had agreed to move forward with a Licence to Occupy Grass Keep agreement and was willing to pay £100 per acre. Various ideas for future use of the field were considered and the Clerk suggested all Cllrs be asked for their ideas.  
**RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to move forward with the Grass Keep agreement with the current tenant.**

*Action: OSC300322/3 Parish Clerk*

10. **Play Area: To consider quotes for concrete bases, consider painting the fence and repainting yellow gate:** Quotes for concrete bases for the picnic benches not yet received. It was agreed to put the painting of the fence and gate into abeyance for a year.
11. **Ranger: To note price increase for the SSDC Ranger Scheme from April 2022:**  
The Clerk explained that the price for the Ranger would increase from April 2022 to £21.63 per hour and that the Ranger currently worked four days a month. It was agreed to continue to review the scheme throughout the year.
12. **Recreation Ground: To receive any updates on remedial works and replanting and gaps in hedging:**  
Cllr Cullum congratulated all those involved in the project stating that the planting looked wonderful. Cllr Cullum queried whether any of the CCTV cameras overlooked the area as it may be at risk of vandalism. As there is not a camera covering the area the Clerk was tasked with getting a quote for a new camera. The Clerk stated she would inform the insurance company of the new planting. Cllr D Nichols explained the proposal for the watering system and grass seeding and future weeding was considered along with compost and mulch. Cllr C Nichols confirmed she had some Beech and Horethorne whips to cover the gaps in the perimeter hedging and these would be planted shortly. The Clerk confirmed the Council had entered the 2022 Field of the Year competition.
13. **Village Hall Car Park: To receive any update on electric charging point's installation and future parking:** The Clerk reported there was currently no update. Cllr Courtenay mentioned that some Cllrs had voiced concerns about the location of the charging points. The Clerk stated that a survey had been conducted and queries from the primary school alleviated.
14. **Highways & SID: To approve SID rota for 2022 and agree rental terms and dates to Charlton Horethorne:** The SID rota was noted. It was agreed that the SID team would get together shortly with Cllr D Nichols for a familiarisation session. It was agreed that Charlton Horethorne Parish Council could rent the SID in in April but that they should be reminded to change the batteries every fortnight. It was further agreed that the rental amount would be £100 per every six week loan and that an invoice would be raised for the brackets and clips. It was noted that Charlton Horethorne Parish Council must ensure that their insurers are aware the SID will be on loan.
15. **Date of the next meeting: To confirm the date of the next Open Spaces Committee meeting:** The date of the next Open Spaces Committee meeting was confirmed as **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022.**



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