



HENSTRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes of Henstridge Parish Council's Open Spaces Committee meeting on Wednesday 30th May 2022 at 7.30pm at Henstridge Village Hall

Present: Cllr Carolyn Nichols (Chair), Cllr David Nichols, Cllr John Graham, Cllr Dennis Finch, Cllr Ken Courtenay and Cllr Peter Thompson

PPLO: Frazer Cooke

Clerk: Emma Curtis

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** None received
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** None received
- 3. Minutes: To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 30th March 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 in detail and it was noted all actions had been undertaken. The Clerk reported that grant funding for the Lych Gate was proving difficult to source so Cllrs agreed to put the project in abeyance.
- 5. Parish Paths Liaison Officer: To receive any updates on footpaths issues:**
The PPLO Frazer Cooke reported that the equipment still hadn't been relocated to the green shed at the Recreation Ground and that items needed to be moved as soon as possible. The Clerk provided keys to the green shed and a plan of action was agreed. Frazer gave a verbal report on the status of the footpaths and stated that some tasks had been closed by the Rights of Way team. Other items raised included weed clearing, responsibilities and information about a new volunteer management system. The Clerk provided information on the Rail to Trail project.
- 6. Allotments: To receive any updates:**
Cllr C Nichols reported that the allotments were in a terrible mess with fruit trees provided still in pots, community plot left to overflow and pathways requiring cutting resulting in immediate remedial works being required. It was agreed that a long-term management plan for the allotments needed to be established now that the Handyman was undertaking less tasks. Cllrs considered the Ranger Scheme completing imminent remedial works at the allotments and Cllr C Nichols stated it would take a team of three one day to complete. Cllr Thompson requested information on the allotments and the tenancy agreement and the Clerk stated there had been no interest in the formation of an Allotments Association.
RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to employ the SSDC Ranger Scheme as soon as possible to undertake remedial works at the allotments.

Action: OSC300522/1: Parish Clerk
- 7. Cemetery and Burial Ground: To receive any updates:**
Cllr C Nichols reported that the Parish Council had received compliments about the burial ground and churchyard and confirmed that memorial headstone testing would commence at the end of June.
- 8. Litter Pick: To note Litter Pick date of Saturday 28th May:**
It was noted that the litter pick had already taken place and the Clerk reported that attendance was low. The Clerk thanked Cllr Finch for placing the signs out.

9. Furge Lane Field: To receive any updates and consider ideas for future use of the field:

The Clerk reminded Cllrs that the Furge Lane Field was on the Council's Action Plan being reviewed at the next Full Parish Council meeting. Cllrs considered ideas such as woodland, forest, memorial woodland and wildlife area and it was agreed that a few ideas needed to be drawn up and prepared to be considered by parishioners to gain their views. Cllr Finch voiced concerns about management, security and vandalism. It was agreed to seek further ideas from Full Council and then draw up schemes.

10. Play Area: To receive any updates:

The Clerk reported there were no issues. Cllr D Nichols stated that the picnic table would be installed that week. Cllr Finch mentioned youths loitering in the play area in the evenings and it was agreed to ask the PCSO to undertake more patrols during the summer months. Cllr C Nichols suggested it may be an idea to look for a shelter nearer to the Village Hall. Cllr Thompson queried the costs of the concrete bases and irrigation system at the Recreation Ground.

Action: OSC300522/2: Parish Clerk

11. Ranger: To receive any updates:

Cllr C Nichols stated the Ranger had recently been involved in installing jubilee bunting which had taken him away from his usual duties. Cllr Graham commented that he would shortly undertake refurbishment of the phone box in Yenston.

12. Recreation Ground: To receive any updates and consider email from resident regarding pigeons:

Cllrs considered an email from a resident regarding peregrine falcons for pigeon control. It was agreed that the Clerk would do some research and report back.

Action: OSC300522/3: Parish Clerk

13. Highways & SID: To receive any updates and confirm date for SID team meeting:

It was agreed that the Clerk would arrange a meeting for the SID team as soon as possible. Cllr C Nichols stated that storage space had been allocated for the batteries and ladder at the Village Hall. Cllr Finch requested the Clerk speak with Highways about repainting some of the white lines on Highways within the parish.

Action: OSC300522/4: Parish Clerk

14. Date of the next meeting:

The date of the next Open Spaces Committee meeting was confirmed as **Wednesday 27th July at 7:30pm.**

The meeting closed at 8:26pm



**Emma Curtis
Parish Clerk**