

Minutes of an Open Spaces Committee that was held in the **Blake Hall Committee Rooms** on **Monday 7th August 2017** commencing at **6.30 pm** when the following business was transacted.

Present Mr D Williams, Mr N Wakely, Mr C Salway, Mr B Chitty & Mr T New together with the Parish Clerk Mrs Kate Alford.

In addition between one & seven members of the public were also present during the meeting.

Public Session

Mr P Kidner (Parish Paths Liaison Officer) gave a current report on the Parish's footpaths including the following areas;

- The County Council have provided Mr Kidner with a blade to use to cut back some of the more difficult blockages on footpaths that a normal trimmer cannot cope with.
- Dead ash trees have been located on ground belonging to the Woodland Trust and Frogmary Farm, and letters will be sent to deal with these in the most appropriate ways.
- There has been a report that the barrier gate at the end of the footpath between the top of South Street and Hele Lane had rotted away, and no replacement has been put back. This may be a consideration for the Parish Council to stop accidents occurring when entering Hele Lane

OS13.1 To receive apologies for non attendance

Mr A Dance

OS13.2 To receive any declarations of interest

None

OS13.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee Meeting held on Monday 12th June 2017.

The Minutes of the 12th June 2017 were duly received, approved and signed off.

OS13.4 Matters for report purposes only

1. Cricket Nets

Swan Paul has been updated on the decision to place the cricket nets in the 'Option 1' site, and the Clerk is awaiting a response from this.

2. Swan Paul Partnership – Forward planning Programme

As above.

3. Cemetery Chapels

The Combined Arts Society will vacate the Chapels by the end of September, and the Men's Shed are hoping to move into it in October. They are looking at the possibility of installing a woodburner once they are using the Chapel.

The Combined Arts staging has been moved down to Chris Willy's garage, and Cllr N Wakely has offered the possible use of his trailer to remove any other items instead of using a skip as this may be an extortionate cost.

4. Memorial Gardens maintenance.

Awaiting more details from Yeovilton.

5. Pavilion Showers

Still waiting for the 3rd quote for the showers – as soon as this has been received, the application can be put in to SSDC to release the Section 106 monies.

6. Village Ranger Schedule

No issues raised.

OS13.5

Resolutions

- (1) To resolve to transfer the reporting and responsibility of TA13, the Website and the LIC to the Business Committee from September 2017.**

Resolved to recommend that the reporting and responsibility of TA13, the Website and the LIC is moved to the Business Committee from September 2017.

OS13.6

To receive reports – if any – from the following

- (a) Blake Hall
Waiting for the guttering to be replaced.
- (b) Cemetery
Update by the Clerk on recent reported disturbances & action to be taken.
- (c) SPIB
No updates.
- (d) Allotments
AGM has taken place and a new Chair has yet to be appointed.
- (e) Churchyard
Update by the Clerk on recent correspondence relating to the Churchyard
- (f) SPRUG
Regrassing area is coming on well – hoping to hold a meeting in September.
- (g) SPRINC
No updates.
- (h) Memorial Garden
Waiting to hear from Yeovilton.
- (i) Youth Council
No details or report.

OS13.7

Others matters referred to the Parish Clerk

1. Applications for the use of the Recreation Ground for local businesses.

A discussion was held around the recent requests from various businesses to use the Rec. It was felt that in general these types of requests would be welcomed but a more standardised approach would be useful to have in place.

The point was raised that as we charge our football /cricket clubs to use the facilities – should the Parish Council have a standard charge/donation for any businesses that wish to use the ground. The Clerk will make enquiries to other local Parishes to see if they make any charge in this way.

OS13.8

Date of next meeting – Monday 2nd October 2017.