



CHURCHILL PARISH COUNCIL

OPEN SPACES AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20 January 2020 at 7.30 pm

Present:- Councillors Jackie Bush, Robin Jeacocke, Bill Wilkinson and Rick Brafield

Co-Opted Members: - None

Also present: Ann Boote – Clerk of the Council. Michele Miles – Parish Orderly and 3 members of the public.

1920/OS/035 Apologies for absence

Councillor Tim Jessiman. Ruth Lamb – Allotment Committee member

1920/OS/036 Declarations of Interest

None

1920/OS/037 To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Open Spaces & Allotments Committee meeting held on 23 September 2019

The Minutes of the meeting held on 23 September 2019 had been previously circulated and displayed on the Council's website.

RESOLVED

The Minutes of the meeting held on 23 September 2019 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

1920/OS/038 Public Participation

A member of the public addressed the Committee regarding overflowing dog waste bins throughout the Parish. In particular the bin on Ladymead Lane was mentioned as very close to his property.

A member of the public spoke regarding the dog waste bin located on the grass area close to his property on Broadoak Road. The issue of the offensive smell in the summer months.

A complaint was made regarding the compost heap on Allotments in Field 1. It was agreed that this would be an issue for the Allotment Committee to resolve.

A question of how to pay allotment rent was raised. The answer given was that annual bills would be sent out over the new few weeks containing information on how to pay.

Another issue raised was that of the ground being 'churned up' over at the entrance gate to the allotment field 1, caused by tenants temporarily parking at the gate to gain access to the allotments.

A member of the public spoke about the continuing overdevelopment of housing within the Parish and whether they should 'give in' to developers, as it was felt that local feelings were being ignored. The Committee suggested the resident contact NSC Planning Department via its website and leave a comment letting them know how he felt and the reasons why.

ALLOTMENTS

1920/OS/039 Update on Budget vs spend to date 2019-20 Financial Year

Overall summary:- Most expenditure/Income codes are generally where expected at this point in the financial year and most are projected to be on budget target.

1920/OS/40 Matters for information

None

OPEN SPACES

1920/OS/41 To discuss Spring/Summer planting throughout the Parish.

Michele Miles (Parish Orderly) addressed the meeting giving information on the numbers required for planting around the Parish from North Somerset Councils 'Free Annual Flowers for Summer 2020'.

The Committee discussed the bulb planting around the Parish and suitable planting around the 'Hand' area and surrounding fencing panels.

RESOLVED

It was agreed that Michele should continue to purchase the plants required, as she was in a position to obtain an excellent discounted price on plants. She would continue to plant and maintain the planters around the Parish.

Parish Clerk to order the free flowers from NSC, in numbers as agreed.

It was agreed that Michele and Ann Boote (Parish Clerk) would collect the plants from NSC, as in the past and plant them accordingly.

1920/OS/042 Dog Waste Bins

The Committee discussed the issue of overflowing bins and whether it was practical to purchase larger bins, increase number of waste collections and/or relocation of bins to more suitable areas.

All bin locations were discussed at length. It was felt that the following would be the most suitable options.

RESOLVED

The following was agreed with a view to improving the current situation.

a) The Clerk to ensure all bins have a 'dog waste' sticker, as it has been noted that several bins are being used for household waste.

b) No. 1 Ladymead Lane Bin . – Remove and relocate (new slide top) bin across the road & attach to the metal pole already available.

Utilise original bin and fit to newly installed pole at the same location.

c) No. 2 Jubilee Lane – Clerk to check out costings to supply and install additional bin at a suitable location in the area of the junction of Pudding Pie Lane and Ladymead Lane.

d) No. 3 Pudding Pie Lane (next to Churchill CEVC Primary School) – Clerk to obtain cost to relocate current bin around the corner & attached bin to a metal pole next to the wooden fencing.

e) Broadoak Road, halfway up on the left through the short alley on Fields in Trust Grass area – Clerk to obtain costs to relocate bin and attach to a newly fitted pole further into the field, close to an area of trees and further from residential properties.

f) The clerk to continue to work closely with the contractor to ensure all bins were emptied regularly. The twice weekly collections to be monitored and discontinued should the issue become resolved.

1920/OS/043 Bush Shelters

The Committee discussed the possibility of fitting a seating area within the bus shelter at Bristol Road (Dinghurst Road traffic lights). A suggestion was made that the shelter seat in lower Langford would be a suitable template.

It was mentioned that there were overhanging branches on the roof of the bus stop at Lower Langford, which required attention.

RESOLVED

It was agreed that the Parish Clerk would obtain costs to supply & install seating at the bus shelter.

1920/OS/044 Update on Budget vs Spend to date 2019/20 Financial Year

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1920/OS/045 Matters for information

The Parish Clerk informed the Committee that due to increase costs in landfill charges, the current price to collect dog waste would increase from £5 to £6 per bin.

Councillor Rick Brafield informed the meeting that he had been unsuccessful in contacting the owner of the 'Old Vicarage' in Front Street, to discuss cutting back the hedges encroaching across Dinghurst Road.

RESOLVED

The Chair, Jackie Bush agreed to speak to the owner to discuss.

There being no further Business, the meeting closed at 8.50pm

Next scheduled meeting – TBA

Signed by Chair of Committee

Date