

Churchill Parish Council

Open Spaces Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 26th January 2015
at Churchill Community Club at 7.30 pm.

Present: Councillors Neville Lee, Sue List, Valerie Langley, Tree Warden Kate Johns and Clerk Aleana Baird.

0.32. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies had been received from Councillors Trudy Silverton and Graham Fortune.

0.33. To receive Councillors declarations of interest.

NONE

0.34. To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 15th September 2014

The minutes from the meeting held on 15th September 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed.

0.35 Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

0.36. To receive an up to date budget statement 2014-15.

A budget statement had been circulated prior to the meeting. There was still outstanding committed expenditure as follows:

Grass cutting final quarter - £1,148

Clock Tower path work - £1,100

The Hand tree work - £500

Dog bin emptying - £160

Total £2,908

Budget balance £4,804. The evening's expenditure was, if possible to be incurred in this financial year.

0.37. Tree Wardens update

The tree wardens had been re-grouping following the departure of warden Jay Clay and the return of John Simpson. They were planning to progress the parish tree walk and hoped to include the school with this. They would welcome any ideas for help or projects the parish council would like them to work on. It was suggested by members that the Turnpike side of the hedge (the double one) between the lights bus stop and the top of Ladymead Lane needed attention.

- **To discuss the section of whips planted along the right hand corner of the Turnpike field.**

The tree wardens were to remove the whips and replant them in the existing hedge under the tree in that corner of the field.

- **To discuss the whips in the allotment fields.**

The whips needed mulching, Kate Johns was to organise the mulch and liaise with Councillor Sue List over delivery, tarpaulin etc. The Clerk would email allotment tenants and ask for all stones found on plots they may wish to dispose of could be put round the base of the whips, it had been very successful in encouraging the whip hedge at the rear of the field.

- **To discuss the tree adjacent to the cricket nets.**

Councillor Valerie Langley and Tree Warden Kate Johns would view the tree and report to the clerk.

0.38. Burial Ground – Any matters to be addressed. There was a current issue with fly tipping in the car park. The Clerk was to look into the legal position re fly tipping on parish land, signage (look at the signage at St Mary's church), dummy CCTV cameras. The Clerk would also contact Simon Hegarty re the increased use of the car park by students/staff as he was due to meet the head teacher.

- **To consider a quote to empty the Pound.**

RESOLVED: to accept the quote of £295 from King Waste.

The Clerk was to remind the church to implement the facility of a dust bin for non-recyclable materials and signage so that only green waste was disposed of in the Pound Area, the fact that it was currently mixed together was increasing the cost of emptying.

0.39. Floral planting – The summer planting in the parish and the Hand maintenance work.

The offer of free bedding plants this summer was considered and the order was to be increased by 10%. The plans for the Hand area were to be deferred until the work to trees at the back of the area had been done.

0.40. State of bins and signs.

- **To consider a quote for a new "Churchill" sign to mark the entrance to the village.**

RESOLVED: to accept the quote from North Somerset Council for a new "Churchill" sign to be erected near to the Churchill Inn opposite the Langford sign – Maximum of £590 (includes all materials erection and any traffic management).

- **To discuss the dog bin emptying provision.**

North Somerset Council had formally confirmed that the cost of emptying was to rise to £6 per bin per week (PC has 10). There was a company who were to provide the service for Weston Town Council for less. The Clerk had contacted them and left a message but had received no response. Members wished to ensure the continued seamless provision of emptying dog bins and felt as a good reliable service had always been provided by NSC they wished to continue with them rather than pursue a company that had to date not even responded to an initial enquiry.

0.41. Bus Shelters – Churchill School had created a new design for the inside of the lights bus shelter that members were really impressed with and the Clerk was to ask them to proceed with the painting. They just wished to suggest that the seated figure be female.

RESOLVED: to cover the costs of any paints and equipment required.

0.42. To consider a specimen tree for the Hand area.

Councillor Valerie Langley had a preferred tree for the area and Councillor Sue List also had a contact that may be a good source for a tree. The details would be emailed prior to a choice being made.

0.43. To discuss projects for Open Spaces to work on during 2015-16.**The ideas were as follows**

- Continue improvements to the lights crossroads green areas.
- Traditional finger post at the lights.
- Display board for parish events at the lights.
- The burial ground entrance and surface.
- A new barrel by the War Memorial hall
- Ask for ideas at Full Council.

0.44. Matters for information.

i) There was rubbish left behind the lights bus shelter , the Clerk would speak to the Parish Orderly. There were also Ikea bags at the rear of the Cricket Pavilion and the barrels outside the Community Club had a lot of cigarette ends in them. The latter two would be raised at Leisure.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm