

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE HELD ON
THURSDAY 23 OCTOBER 2014
IN THE TOWN COUNCILOFFICE AT 7 PM
(Noted that the meeting started at 7.15pm)

Cllrs Present: Mr Richard Chandler (Chairman) N.B: arrived late
Mr Alan Copus
Mr Chris Kemp
Ms Joan Devine
Mr John Robbins

Attending: Clerk, Mrs Rebecca Knifton

Prior to the meeting, it was agreed that Cllr Devine would join the Committee until the end of the Council year.

Formal co-option of Cllr's Devine and South onto the Committee will take place at the next meeting of Council.

OS/17/14 Apologies

An apology was received from Cllr South due to work commitments. A further apology was received on the night by phone from Cllr Sneller who stated that he had not been made aware of the change of time and date. Noted that Cllr Chandler may be late.

OS/18/14 Declarations of interest

None

OS/19/14 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 25 September 2014.

Proposed by Cllr Robbins and seconded by Cllr Kemp that the minutes of the previous meeting were a true record.

RECOMMENDED that the minutes are approved by Council.

OS/20/14 Matters Arising

(a) Skatepark – **NOTED** that matters are still ongoing. Cllr Kemp reported that Cllr Hanauer had visited the Clerk and asked to be involved. He stated that he'd wanted to request to be involved at the previous Council meeting but as he had only just been co-opted, he didn't want to tread on anyone's toes.

He had undertaken some research and has emailed Cllr Sneller with this information. He has spoken to John Riddel and has proposed a meeting with Lord Egremont regarding the siting of the skatepark at Hampers Green, although it is **NOTED** that the Estate is not happy with this location.

A discussion took place regarding the history of the skatepark and it was **NOTED** that the £50k funds available had been set aside from the historic leisure fund, originally proposed for a swimming pool for the town. It was further **NOTED** that the original agreed site was in the car park of the Sylvia Beaufoy and planning permission had been granted, which has now lapsed. There had been a condition put on the application that fencing should be erected around the Park but no-one could decide who would be a key-holder.

It was **NOTED** that the Chairman had arranged a meeting with the Youth Club.

(b) Asset Register. **NOTED** that Cllr Rogerson is leading on this issue and that a meeting has been proposed for next Tuesday. A small working group will consist of Cllrs Kemp, Copus and Rogerson. **ACTION:** Organise the mapping facility and compile the costs for replacement of the street lighting for insurance purposes.

ACTION: The Clerk and the Chairman to consider Grants for street lighting.

(c) An opportunity for Cllrs to discuss any other matters arising not already included on the agenda. **NOTED** that Cllr Devine had been investigating dog bins. The ones at Hampers Green are classed as adequate but bins are desperately needed at the back of Sheepdown, leading on to Angel Street.

ACTION: Cllr Devine to contact the Dog Warden.

NOTED that a waste bins is needed for Hampers Green.

NOTED that the repair/replacement of the bench at the Shimmings is being dealt with. An update will be brought back to the next meeting.

ACTION: The Clerk to investigate the broken bench at Rosemary Gardens.

OS/21/14 Play Areas

(a) Rosemary Gardens – **NOTED** that the Clerk is obtaining costs for replacement slides. **NOTED** that Cllr Sneller has obtained a rough cost of £1,200 for the totem pole, the height of which will be up to 3m. **AGREED** that the local school children will be involved with its production as previously discussed.

AGREED that the totem pole should incorporate a ‘sundial’ facility. **ACTION:** Cllr Sneller to investigate by contacting West Dean.

NOTED that the safety surface needs addressing and other types of surfacing could be quoted for. This matter is ongoing and the possibility of a Public Works Loan Board Grant to complete the works was again discussed.

(b) Hampers Common – **AGREED** that Cllr Chandler will provide the Clerk for costings, quotes and invoices for works to the ditch. **NOTED** that for two days work, it will cost around £210 to take away the soil and to hire a digger for two days will cost around £250.

ACTION: The Clerk to speak to Highways re an Operation Watershed Grant.

ACTION: The Clerk to invite Lisa Cole from Hampers Green to the next meeting.

OS/22/14 Allotments

The new allotment contracts were discussed and it was **AGREED** that due to time constraints as the contracts must go out before the next Council meeting, the Committee will use its delegated authority and propose their adoption.

Proposed by Cllr Robbins and seconded by Cllr Kemp. All in favour.

RESOLVED that the new allotment contracts are adopted and will be sent out as soon as possible.

OS/23/14 To consider other items at the Chairman’s discretion

None

Meeting closed – 8.47pm

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated.....