



Petworth Town Council

THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES AND ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT MEETING ON THE 6th JUNE 2018.

A MEETING OF OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE TOOK PLACE ON WEDNESDAY 25th APRIL 2018 AT 7.00PM IN THE PETWORTH TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE, THE OLD BAKERY, GOLDEN SQUARE, PETWORTH

MINUTES

Present: Cllr R. Hanauer, Chairman
Cllr D. Burden
Cllr A. Copus
Cllr J. Fynes
Cllr C. Kemp
Cllr M. Peet
Melanie Kite, Clerk

41/18 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman pointed out the fire exit and reminded everyone about mobile phones.

42/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSCENCE

Cllr J. Scallon

43/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

44/18 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th April 2018 were approved as correct.
Proposed Cllr Copus, seconded Cllr Burden, all in favour

45/18 MATTERS ARISING

- a) Blocked culvert – the clerk was asked to write to Sue Furlong at WSCC. The project to repair the blockage fulfils all the criteria of the Watershed Grant and needs to be pursued.
- b) Bus shelter plaque – This is still to be sought. Cllr Kemp will speak to Steeples to see about getting a plastic one done.
- c) Star Pub, bins – This continues to be an issue despite the Clerk having sent a third letter asking for their removal off PTC's leased land. It was agreed that they are unsightly especially with all the cardboard boxes, plastic trays and spent oil drums. The pub is using this space for their financial gain and did not make any provision for its rubbish when refurbishment work was done.
- d) Defibrillators signs – Notices have arrived but need to be put up.

46/18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Adjournment of the meeting for public questions.
No members of the public were present.
Meeting re-convened

47/18 ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk briefed the members on comments and complaints that she had received from allotment holders. These ranged from unfair pricing of plots, rubbish being thrown onto allotments, break-ins with plants and tools being stolen and vandalised to plot sizes being too big.

Committee members suggested: splitting plots into half or even quarter size; having a scale of say 3 rental charges; having a new tenant pay a deposit which will be returned if the allotment is vacated in a good condition.

48/18 CDC AGAINST LITTER CAMPAIGN

District Cllr Lintill had updated the council on this at the full Council meeting.

It was agreed to have a 'Litter Picking Day' on June 30th. The Clerk will organise bags, picks and gloves and it will be advertised as a family event.

The Clerk will inform D.Cllr Lintill and C.Cllr Dunton.

49/18 BT PHONE BOX

Cllr Hanauer informed the members of the 'slight accident' when lifting and placing the phone box onto a palette. The damage has been expertly repaired by Cllr Peet. Cllr Hanauer is to contact SDNPA about the colour of the box as it is to be used as an information centre which will be co-ordinated with them.

All the telephony has been removed by BT.

50/18 POUND STREET CAR PARK

John Bridle had reported that the bins were not being emptied properly in Rosemary Gardens. One of the CDC employees had been seen pushing the rubbish down further into the bins and not emptying it. This will be monitored.

8:15 Cllr Kemp arrives.

Grit Bins – Cllr Copus had looked into the cost of having grit bins. There are 3 sizes, the largest costing £352 going down to £148. At present there are 12 locations where the bags are placed, likely that these same places will take a grit bin but different sizes.

Cllr Copus to check how frequently CDC fill the bins.

PTC are supporting the 'In Bloom' competition and planting needs to get underway. Cllr Copus is meeting the gardeners and Ricia to discuss the planting scheme and costs. Ricia will source the plants at cost from a wholesaler.

CDC have given verbal approval for planters at the top end of the car park and trellis around the public conveniences, subject to Tania receiving a drawing of the positioning of them.

51/18 NEWS HOMES BONUS

The deadline for applying for the bonus is 30th July. Councillors were asked to think of projects or areas where the grant money could be used.

52/18 STREET NAME SIGN

The Clerk informed the members that the resident of the house in Lombard Street had declined to allow a street name to be attached to his building.

53/18 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Skate Park – a meeting with the officers at CDC is still ongoing.

The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Richard Chandler to thank him for his help over the winter with the grit bags and to Mr. John Riddell for his help with the BT phone box.

Meeting closed 8:55pm.

Signed
Chairman

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