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A MEETING OF OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE TOOK PLACE ON WEDNESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 7.00PM IN THE PETWORTH TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE, THE OLD BAKERY, GOLDEN SQUARE, PETWORTH

MINUTES

Present: Cllr R. Hanauer, Chairman
Cllr S. Atkins
Cllr D. Burden
Cllr A. Copus
Cllr J. Fynes
Cllr C. Kemp
Cllr J. Scallon
Melanie Kite, Clerk

1 member of the public was in attendance.

80/18 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman requested that mobile phones should be turned off, and advised that the meeting would be recorded for the purposes of the minutes. He pointed out the fire escape route.

Cllr S. Atkins was formally welcomed as a member of the committee.

81/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSCENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr M. Peet

82/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

83/18 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th August 2018 were approved and signed.

Proposed Cllr Hanauer, seconded Cllr Kemp, all in favour

84/18 MATTERS ARISING

Round the Hills Walk – Cllr Hanauer felt that the Council was not being kept informed about the situation regarding work on the listed wall.

Although the footpath is officially closed the barriers have been taken away and residents are using it.

The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. and Mrs Golden to get an update and to ask that the Town Council is kept informed of proceedings.

Blocked Culvert – Cllr Kemp is still to contact Richard Chandler and John Riddell.

BT Phone box, planning application – The Clerk explained that she had started the planning application. The correct scale maps required were difficult to obtain on the Parish Online system which was holding up completion of the application. Cllr Atkins offered to help on producing the maps.

Grit Bins – the preferred locations had been identified. Cllr Copus will contact WSCC to carry this forward.

A budget figure for purchasing the bins is required which will be put forward to Finance committee to approve.

Skate park – Following the meeting with CDC carparks, Cllr Hanauer enquired if there had been a response to PTC's questions. At the time of the meeting no response had been received.

85/18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Adjournment of the meeting for public questions.

Items not on the agenda

None

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The committee heard from a resident who uses Hampers play park with his young children. His main concern was that a number of older children are using the equipment as a meeting area.

They climb up the tower to sit on the roof and that the tower makes a good hiding place.

He suggested:

More visual warning notices, reinforcing the point of the dangers of climbing on the roof.

Giving the older children something else to do.

Fencing the area to define it for younger children only.

Meeting re-convened

86/18 HAMPERS COMMON PLAYGROUND

Cllr Hanauer summed up the discussion. There is a definite need to address the anti-social behaviour from the older children in the playground and that they are using the play equipment in an inappropriate manner.

Immediate measures to help ease the situation for the local residents should be undertaken.

Cllr Copus and Scallon agreed:

Anti-climb paint around the top of the towers – Cllr Kemp to ask John Bridle to purchase

Change the netting to a wire-based netting – Cllr Atkins to research this

Clearer, better signage – to be done in conjunction with the playpark policy

Provide a youth shelter where the older children and situated at the other end of the park. Cllr Copus will look into costings and styles.

The situation will be reviewed again at the start of the spring next year.

87/18 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

Cllr Kemp informed the members that the contract in front of them was not complete. This will be discussed at the next meeting when the full contract can be reviewed.

88/18 NEW STREET NAME SIGNAGE – ROSEMARY CLOSE

The members were unanimous in agreeing to the new signage and position.
Proposed Cllr Burden, seconded Cllr Scallon, all agreed.

89/18 ALLOTMENTS

A working party will meet at the Station road allotments on Saturday 8th September to lay black plastic over the vacant plots.

Cllr Hanauer had heard from Seaford College and they will get the allotment plan to PTC as soon as possible.

It was agreed that the water meters in Station Road allotment and Grove Lane allotment would be read every month by a member of the committee.

90/18 PETWORTH IN BLOOM

It was agreed that Petworth In Bloom should be supported again next year.

Proposed Cllr Hanauer, seconded Cllr Fynes, unanimously agreed.

The planters will be replaced free of charge by the wholesaler

The planters will be planted with winter and spring flowers

The community garden will submit a full cost for In Bloom in 2019/20 which will be discussed and approved by the finance committee.

91/18 REMOVAL OF THE STAR PUB’S WASTE BINS AND RUBBISH

No progress has been made on them removing the bins. This will continue to be followed up.

92/18 BUS SHELTER – MIDHURST ROAD

The members agreed to having the anti-graffiti panelling. The quotation for the panel will be put to Finance committee to approve the expenditure.

Proposed Cllr Burden, seconded Cllr Kemp all agreed.

93/18 MONITORING BUDGET AND DRAFT BUDGET 2019/20

This was noted with no comments.

94/18 COUNCILLOR’S MEETINGS

No meetings to report on.

95/18 HAMPERS COMMON HIRE

The padlock will be changed to a combination one. This will eliminate the need to give the key to hirers. Cllr Hanauer to procure one.

Meeting closed at 9:00pm.

Signed
Chairman

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