

PETWORTH TOWN COUNCIL OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

Meeting held 22.03.2017 started 19.05 hours

1. Representations by the Public

Mr James Hamilton attended to express his concerns regarding the new location for Petworth Skatepark. He was interested to know how this site came to be chosen what criteria were used and expressed his concerns that the facility might become a catalyst for anti-social behavior.

He was given a comprehensive background brief by Cllr Peet but due to time constraints it was agreed that Cllr Hanauer would meet Mr Hamilton to provide him with further information.

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Attendees – Cllrs Kemp, Peet, Copus, South, Burden & Hanauer

3. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Burden wished it to be recorded that he is a trustee of the Community Garden

4. Minutes of OS Meeting Tuesday 22/02/2017

Approved Proposed CLR D.B. Seconded CLR C.K.

5. Matters Arising

- a) Bus Shelter – CLR RH had a meeting with Mr Fred Hill on site to explain the proposed positioning of the shelter. This was, by necessity, a compromise as regards its proximity to the Bus stop due to the excessive cost of setting it in to the bank and the need for the re-routed path to be a safe distance from the road kerb. Mr Hill will explain this to the bus users and will be kept updated as to progress.
- b) Skatepark - Cllr Hanauer to draft a letter to residents with properties adjacent to the new Pound Street Car Park site, explain why this site has been chosen and alerting them to a proposed Public Meeting once a final design is to hand.
A letter to be sent to our surrounding Parishes, informing them of the change of site and asking for their continued support for the project.
Cllr Kemp has contacted two further Planning Consultants and is awaiting their Schedule of fees.
- c) Footpath Around the Hills - Nick Blunt has erected the kissing gate to commemorate The Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Our hopes of finding a local volunteer to carry out the Artwork for the proposed information boards have not been met hence the providers in house artwork will have to be used.
- d) Phone box – Hampers Green. BT have been contacted to provide the P.T.C. with a contract and timeline on it being de-commissioned. Due to pressure of work at BT only an automated response has been received so far.
- e) Hampers Common playparks Picnic tables (2) are now erected and in use.
C.D.C. have been alerted regarding increased frequency of Dog waste bin emptying required together with the fact that a litter bin is to be stationed there which will require emptying.

- f) Allotments – A high proportion of 2017 subscriptions have been received and new contracts returned. An Allotment inspection is to be carried out.
The Committee was pleased to hear that the Community Garden had been granted Planning consent for the erection of another shed, this to be partially funded by a Grant from Tesco's.
- g) Finger Posts: Grove Lane Finger post refurbishment is almost completed Cllr RH
- h) General Maintenance – St Mary's churchyard cherry tree husbanding. Cllr C.K met Andrew Howard (CDC), Eileen Lintill and Henry Saxton to effect a schedule of works. Horsham road cemetery has been cleared of detritus to good effect.
The Open Spaces Committee were full of praise for the initiative and hard work of Mr Fred Hill in his clearance work on the bank in Station Road. The full Town Council Would like to thank him for his efforts.
Mr John Harper is to be asked to give an estimate for necessary repairs to the stone Wall bounding the allotments in Grove Road.
- i) Farmers Market – The new barriers have been acquired and will be delivered once their dedicated trollies have been constructed. Cllrs C.K. M.P,
- j) Boys Graves and actions preparatory to 75th Anniversary Service.
Cllr C.K. to meet Petworth Primary School Headmaster to co-ordinate the children's Involvement.
Cllr C.K. stated that it was hoped that the Chief Military Padre would officiate at the service, the Bishop of Chichester being unavailable.
Cllr M.P. proposed that a new Canadian flag be bought for the occasion, this suggestion was seconded by Cllr M.S. and carried unanimously.
The finance Committee has made available £500 for the replacement of the Thayers Family Memorial seat which was damaged beyond repair by a falling bough. It appears no members of the family are left in the Petworth Area to liaise with.

Meeting closed at 20.40