

Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee Meeting 21/06/17

1 Representations by the Public

Mr John Edgar renowned local sculptor to join the Committee members at 19.45 hrs to give a briefing.

2 Apologies for absence Cllr Michael Peet.

Members present

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Jim Scallen as a new member of the Committee, also attending Cllrs Kemp, Copus, Burden and Fynes.

3 Declarations of interest

None

4 Minutes of OS meeting held on 24/05/17

Approved. Proposed Cllr A.C. seconded D.B.

5 a) Bus Shelter: Cllr RH had received approval for the new siting of the cantilever shelter from Mr Chris Dye of WSCC Highways. An estimate for both Groundworks and the shelter chosen had been received from Queensbury shelters. This was to be compared with two other shelter quotes and those for associated Ground works. Cllr RH to action.

b) Skatepark: Cllr RH to contact Ms Tanya Murphy at CDC Car parks to ascertain progress on the redesign of Pound Street Carpark. It was decided to revert to the original rectangular design let into the Eastern boundary bank in order to mitigate possible noise nuisance.

c) Footpath Round the hills

One turnstile is being repaired the other is in good order.

Presently the footpath is in good order and un-encroached by foliage.

The possibility of information sheets being made available to visitors

From a discrete distribution point is to be investigated.

d) Hampers Green Telephone Box.

We still await BT's confirmation that the Box has been disconnected from its service suppliers and is available for removal.

Market Square Telephone Box.

The repaint of this box is to be effected and a local painter has been approached for a quote. The possibility of BT funding this work to be investigated.

e) Hampers Common Play Park.

Greenspan, the contractor who built the new Play Park have been notified that the zip wire A frame has become insecure. Their operatives were observed on site. Cllr CK asked Greenspan for the Engineering Drawings applicable to this facility in order to ascertain that the A frame had been constructed to spec. These as yet have not been supplied, hence the PTC will not be funding any necessary repairs. The zip wire has been made safe in the interim.

Notices for both Hampers Common and Rosemary Gardens absolving PTC from any responsibility for accidents suffered are ready for posting at the sites. Cllr RH to action.

A waste bin suitable for both dog waste and normal rubbish is to be Provided, this will enable the present dog waste bin to be removed.

f) Allotments

An inspection is to be made to ensure that those allotment holders Warned to bring their plots up to a satisfactory standard have made an effort to do this. An updated site plan is to be made. Cllr RH

g) Finger Posts

Refurbishment of the post at Foxhill has been started. Cllr RH

h) Stone wall fronting Grove Road allotments

An artisan has been approached to commence repair of the collapsed Wall.

Cllrs CK & RH to meet Simon Penny with regard to clearance of Pavements and kerbs within the town and to effect a system of priority Actions.

i) None

j) The New farmers market barriers and transportation trollies are operational.

k) Boys school graves

Cllr CK to continue to press the site developer for an adequate Contribution towards the provision of a suitable piece of Artwork. Mr John Edgar gave the Committee an interesting and thought Provoking briefing on the best use of the available site options. He Felt it imperative that the site chosen should be one that could be safely and easily accessed by those wishing to visit it and best able to enable the chosen artwork to be fully appreciated. He went on to discuss the various options available in terms of materials used and cost. It was pointed out that a freestanding bronze, the most expensive choice, would also be the most vulnerable to theft and malicious damage Mr Edgar was thanked for his valued input and for his time.

Cllr Jim Scallen volunteered to draw up a draft discussion document And template to provide a well ordered basis for future meetings.

Meeting Commenced. 1900 hrs

Meeting Closed 2100 hrs