

PETWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

A MEETING OF THE OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE WAS HELD ON THURSDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2013 IN THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT: Mr R Chandler (Chairman), Mrs A Simmons,
Mr K Lintill, Mr J Robbins and Mr A Sneller.

CLERK: Mrs J Huggett.

1. Apologies were received from Mrs L Pearce.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th January, having been circulated and passed at the Council meeting on Thursday 17th January, were signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Hanging Baskets: Mr Robbins said he had spoken with Ms Brickell who had said she is not in a position to take the hanging baskets on this year. It was agreed the Clerk will ask Mr Spriggs. Mr Sneller said the brackets all need looking at and some should be replaced. Mr Chandler to speak to Mr Tim Ticehurst.

5. HEALTH AND SAFETY

(a) Street Lighting in Lombard Street: It was agreed as nothing further had been heard from Mrs Thomson that this item be deleted from the agenda. Mr Sneller reminded Councillors that the light, by what used to be Threshers shop, is pointing the wrong way, it should be angled down the street.

6. SKATEBOARD PARK

Mr Lintill said there is nothing further to report as there has still been no agreement with the Leconfield Estate. There have been a number of complaints to the Estate from Hampers Green residents about siting it there, the Clerk said she had also received complaints. A general discussion took

place on the skateboard park, eventually it was agreed to raise this at full Council in March.

7. CONTRACT FOR NALDRETT GARDENING SERVICES

Mr Robbins said he had heard that reluctantly the Naldretts have agreed to empty the bins, this is not a gardening job and should be quoted for separately. Mr Chandler said this has to be part of the whole package, they have to go to Rosemary Gardens each day and he couldn't see why emptying the bins, if needed, should be a problem. Mr Lintill said Mr Michael Naldrett had, at the interview, verbally agreed to the contract, the Clerk has confirmed this in writing, so it should stand. The Clerk had produced a contract which he and Mr Chandler had seen and agreed. She will now send it off for signature.

8. ROSEMARY GARDENS

The Clerk said the play equipment inspection will be carried out in March by Wicksteed.

9. HAMPERS COMMON

The Clerk said Wicksteed will also carry out the play inspection on Hampers Common. Mr Chandler said when the weather conditions are right, probably in October, Mr Riddell will put a roller over the ground.

10. ALLOTMENTS

Mr Robbins said he and Mrs Simmons will carry out an inspection towards the end of March. It is often very difficult to know where one allotment ends and another begins, he asked if he could purchase some labels, and suggested that the Clerk send them out with the rent demand at the end of March asking tenants to mark out their allotment. This was agreed.

11. FOOTPATHS

Mr Robbins said he had asked for this to be on the agenda as the footpaths 'around the hills' and between the Grove Lane allotments are a sea of mud. Mr Chandler suggested that when the conditions allow he will provide some grass seed. Mr Robbins said he will put it down. He also said that the field up to Gog and Magog has been churned up by horses and is very muddy. Mr Chandler said they will be gone in a couple of weeks and then it will be rolled.

12. FARMERS' MARKETS

Mr Sneller said as he is now often unable to be back in Petworth by 4.30 pm he had asked at the November Council meeting if the responsibility for putting out the cones on a Friday evening for the Farmer's Market could be taken on by this committee. The Clerk said she and Mrs Simmons have put them out on several occasions and are both willing to continue to do so.

13. TO CONSIDER ANY ITEMS AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

Horsham Road Chapel: Mr Chandler asked if there was any further information on the ownership of the Chapel. The Clerk said she hasn't yet spoken with Mr Simpson.

Salt Bags: Mr Chandler said these appeared to have been well received, most of them had been used up, and he asked the Clerk if she had been able to get further supplies. The Clerk said she had received no response to her request.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.