

HENSTRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft minutes of Henstridge Parish Council's Open Spaces Committee held on Monday 8th December 2014.

Present

Councillors: Simon Cullum (Chair), Carolyn Nichols, David Nichols, Peter Crocker

Clerk: Ian Treece

There was 1 member of the public present at the beginning of the meeting.

The meeting began at 19:00

1. Apologies and to approve reasons for apology as seen fit.

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 30th September 2014.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to accept the minutes without amendment.

4. Matters deferred and arising from previous meetings:

a. Allotments

The Clerk reported that he was now in a position to write to allotment holders whose plots were in a poor condition, asking them to put the plots in good order or surrender them for re-allocation.

The Clerk also provided an update on the complaint over spraying.

The Clerk reported a request to keep chickens on an allotment plot. It was agreed that this should be approved provided that it was carried out in line with the Council's rules and good husbandry.

Noted and agreed.

b. Allotments tenancy agreement

The Clerk reported that he was awaiting further advice from SALC regarding alternative model agreements.

Noted.

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c. Cemetery

The Clerk reported that SSDC had inspected the problems identified on the closed churchyard section of the cemetery with a view to taking action.

Noted.

d. Grasscutting on the recreation ground

The Clerk reported that he had requested a quote for grasscutting from SSDC and would seek at least one further quote to compare with the current service provider.

Noted.

e. Maintenance of trees on the recreation ground

The Clerk reported that SSDC's Trees Officer had inspected the hedge and recommended that it be cut either in late February/beginning of March 2015, provided the ground was not too wet, or after the nesting season on 2015. SSDC committed to providing a quote for this work. The Clerk was also instructed to seek quotes for the maintenance of the hedge by the war memorial.

Noted and agreed.

The member of the public left the meeting at this point.

f. Signing

The Clerk was asked to investigate either a wooden or metal sign by the fence to identify the village hall and recreation ground.

Noted and agreed.

g. Outdoor gym project

The Chair reported on the progress on funding for this project. The Clerk reported on his discussions with Viridor Environmental Trust, SSDC and The Big Lottery. It was agreed that the perimeter path should be pursued separately from the outdoor gym project from a funding perspective. It was also stressed that the Council's contribution to this project would come from s106 monies.

The Chair reminded members that prices and specifications for the outdoor gym supply and installation had been received from 3 companies. The cheapest of these did not meet the future European safety standards and had, therefore, been rejected. On the basis that, of the 2 remaining quotes, it was cheaper and met the required British or European standards, the

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Great Outdoor Gym Company had been selected as the Council's preferred supplier for this project.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed that:

- (1) The Great Outdoor Gym Company be approved as the Council's preferred supplier for the outdoor gym project on the basis of its quotation dated 10th October 2014;
- (2) The Clerk be authorised to make an application to Viridor Credits for grant funding for the project;
- (3) The Council agree to put aside s106 funding monies for its contribution to the project;
- (4) The Council confirms that the ongoing maintenance of the outdoor gym will be funded via the Parish Council's annual revenue expenditure.

h. War Memorial Trust grant application

The Clerk reported on the latest information provided to the War Memorials Trust in respect of the grant application. The Clerk was also asked to chase up the War Memorial Restoration Company over the standard of weed suppression in their work at the war memorial.

Noted and agreed.

5. Recreation Ground:

- a. To review the requirements for locking the gates onto the recreation ground as discussed at the meeting of the Parish Council on 01/12/14.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed that the gate would not be locked and that the position would be reviewed in 6 months' time.

- b. To review the need for a path to the play area and agree any action to be taken.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed that the path to the play area would be considered as part of the perimeter path project.

6. Budget: To agree the budget for the Open Spaces Committee for 2015/16.

The Clerk outlined the budget that had been presented to the meeting of the Council on 1st December.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed that the budget as presented to the Council meeting on 1st December 2014 be endorsed.

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7. To agree the programme of future meetings for the Committee.

The next meeting of the Open Spaces Committee will be held on **Monday 19th January 2015**. All items for inclusion on the agenda and all items to be listed under issues arising from previous meetings must be received by the Clerk by **9.00am on Thursday 8th January 2015**.

The meeting closed at 19:58.



**Ian Treece
Parish Clerk**