

2019/2020 - 15

Minutes of the meeting of the Parks and Open Spaces Committee held on the 4th June 2019 at the Parish Council Office – 59 High Street, Great Barford.

Present: Di Ames (Chair), Jim Rudgley, Stuart Southall, Ann Lovesey MBE, Graham Pendrey, Duncan Edgar

Apologies: Derek Folbigg

Clerk: Joanne Lee

MINUTES

1. **Elect a new Parks and Open Spaces Committee Chair.**
A majority vote for Di Ames for Chair.
2. **To receive and approve apologies for absence.**
Derek Folbigg
3. Declarations of interest in any matter – being prejudicial or personal.
None.
4. **Discuss and agree a plan of action for any grasscutting or overgrown areas in the village.**
The areas that need attention are:
Swing and Spacenet by the cricket pitch requires weeding.
Jubilee Footpath and Addington Road footpath requires weeding.
Village Hall playing fields need cutting

It was agreed that Derek Folbigg will be responsible for reviewing the contracts quarterly.

Action Clerk to contact Russell Harley to attend to the overgrown areas in the village.

Action Clerk to advise Derek Folbigg that he has been nominated to be responsible for reviewing contracts quarterly.

5. **Discuss the tree planting scheme and agree a plan of action.**

It was discussed and agreed to order 30 mixed saplings.

Action Parks and Open Spaces to produce plan for planting and to arrange order of free trees from the Woodland Trust and propose to Full Council.

Action Clerk to contact Bedford Borough Council to ask them if they are to come back to remove the tree stub in High Street (opposite Parish Council Office).

6. **Discuss the Village Hall car park barrier and successful barrier methods adopted by nearby Parish Councils. Agree a plan of action.**

Initial: *CP*.....

2019/2020 – 16

Clerk advised the Parish Council Committee that James Hetherington had responded regarding a meeting with the Village Hall Association to discuss the Village hall barrier. James Hetherington will contact the Clerk shortly with suitable meeting dates.

Stuart Southall volunteered as a representative for the meeting. The other representatives will be decided when the meeting date is confirmed.

Clerk advised the committee on procedures followed for closing the Village Hall barrier with Bromham and Renhold Parish Councils.

Action Await reply from James Hetherington regarding meeting date.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Initial:..... CP