

Minutes of the meeting of the Parks and Open Spaces Committee held on the 1st October 2019 at the Parish Council Office – 59 High Street, Great Barford.

Present: Ann Lovesey MBE, Derrick Folbigg, Duncan Edgar, James Rudgley, Stuart Southall (Chair)

Apologies: Di Ames (Chair)

Clerk: Joanne Lee

MINUTES

1. **To receive and approve apologies for absence.**
Di Ames
2. **Declarations of interest in any matter – being prejudicial or personal.**
None
3. **Councillor Ames to update Councillors with details from the meeting with the Village Hall Association regarding the installation of the Village Hall barrier. Discuss and agree a plan of action.**

Councillor Ames sent in an email to explain that the meeting went well and that the Village Hall representatives are to report back to the Village Hall Committee. Councillor Ames is to report back to the Parks and Open Spaces Committee when a response has been received from the Village Hall Association. Stuart Southall who also attended the meeting advised the Parks and Open Spaces Committee that it was explained to the Village Hall Association that the village hall barrier should be shut the majority of time and opened for functions.

Action Clerk to add onto the committee meeting when Di Ames has advised that a response has been received by the Village Hall Association.

4. **Discuss and agree a plan of action for cutting the overgrown hedge by the village hall playing field and the ongoing situation with the rabbits on the Village Hall playing field.**

It was discussed and agreed that the inner hedge along Birchfield Road needs removing and the outer hedge requires trimming. Approximately 100m in length. A lot of bushes have grown up into the playing fields and the rabbit holes are behind the hedge so the hedge needs cutting before we can resolve the rabbit situation.

It was discussed and agreed that the bushes (next to the notice board) along Fishers Close need trimming back. Quotes are required for both jobs.

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Councillors: Ms Dinah Ames 01234 870251; Mrs Noreen Byrne 01234 871919; Mr Duncan Edgar 01234 871571; Mr Derrick Folbigg 01234 870032; Mr David Garrard 07802 790410; Mrs Ann Lovesey MBE 01234 870693; Mr James Rudgley 01234 870003; Mr Stuart Southall 01234 870333; Mr Tim Wood 01234 870245, Mr Peter Ward 07825 236848

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Action Clerk to obtain quotes for Birchfield Road and Fishes Close hedges and put to next Full Parish Council meeting.

Action Stuart Southall to mark trees and to advise Clerk what action is required.

Action Clerk to put on next committee agenda to resolve the rabbit situation.

5. Discuss and agree the Community Orchard in Willoughby Close, the possibility of including a wild flower orchard and the possibility of a picket fence with a gate with "no dog fouling signs" in this area.

Great Barford Parish Council discussed and agreed that the area was in a neglected state. A picket fence or gate was not agreed. There is already a dog control sign enforcing this. No wild flowers agreed.

Discussed and agreed to put daffodils around the trees in the next bulb planting session. Rubbish and brambles in the corner require attention.

Action A site inspection is required by the Councillors and the Councillors will present their findings to the Full Parish Council.

Daffodils to be planted around the trees in the bulb planting session.

6. Discuss and agree a resident's direct access into the Jubilee Play area.

Great Barford Parish Council discussed the resident's gate leading directly into the playground. It was agreed that the resident's gate access can remain.

Action Councillors to monitor the situation.

7. Discuss and agree where the mixed saplings from the tree application pack will be planted in the village.

30 Sapling Trees due to be delivered 22nd November.

Action Councillors to put forward ideas of where to put trees. Clerk to put on next Full Parish Council meeting.

8. Discuss and agree cutting conifers in the Jubilee Play area.

Russell has trimmed back footpath and above residents garage.

It was discussed and agreed that the conifers both ends of Jubilee Play area need cutting.

Action Clerk to obtain quotes for cutting back the conifers both ends of Jubilee Play area (to be flat topped (10foot high) and square edged) and present to next Full Parish Council meeting.

Signed: _____



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