

Minutes of the meeting of the Parks and Open Spaces Committee held on the 03rd March 2020 at the Village Hall, Fishers Close, Great Barford.

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

Clerk: Joanne Lee

MINUTES

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.

None.

2. Declarations of interest in any matter – being prejudicial or personal.

None.

3. Discuss and agree quotes for repairing Kickboard at Village Hall Field.

The Clerk advised the Parish Council of the Wicksteed quotation received, and that other quotations from various companies were due to be received.

Action Clerk to put on Full Parish Council meeting to discuss and agree all quotations for repair of existing, and for new kickboard.

Action Clerk to obtain a quote for new kickboard panels.

4. Discuss and agree plan of action for installing a locking system for the barrier at The Village Hall car park.

The Parish Council Committee discussed the suggestion of a bottle bank, and it was agreed that this had been discussed and investigated on many previous occasions and agreed that the village hall car park is not a suitable location for a bottle bank. It was also mentioned that the no residents or Associations had approached the Parish Council recently requesting a bottle bank.

The Committee discussed and agreed that the barrier padlock chain should be welded to the barrier, and agreed that the Parish Council will open the barrier in the morning, but will request the Village Hall Association to lock the barrier every evening after the last event.

Action Clerk to put the recommendations from the Parks and Open Spaces Committee on the March Full Parish Council meeting to discuss and agree. After Full Parish Council approval Clerk then to contact the Village Hall Association to advise them of the barrier lock being fitted and the opening/closure instructions.

Action Clerk to arrange for the padlock to be welded to the village hall barrier.

Action Clerk to contact Russell Harley to request if he would be able to open the village hall barrier every morning once the padlock has been fitted.

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5. Discuss and agree grasscutting in Daffodil areas around the village.

The Clerk advised that the grass-cutting contractor had advised that while the daffodils are in bloom he is unable to cut some grass areas as the plants had been scattered loosely, prohibiting mower access between. This was accepted by the Parks and Open Spaces Committee. It was discussed and agreed that at future bulb planting events, bulbs would be planted in larger clusters and not scattered around.

Action Clerk to advise the grass-cutting contractor of Parks and Open Spaces Committee agreement to leave grass-cutting in these areas while the daffodils are in bloom.

6. Discuss and agree if Great Barford Parish Council would be interested in taking part in the Big Lunch 2020.

The Committee discussed and agreed to put the details on the Parish Council's facebook page and ask if anyone is interested in organising an event. If anyone is interested Clerk to put on Full Parish Council agenda to discuss further.

7. Discuss and agree Country Days Charity request for possible funding.

The Parks and Open Spaces Committee discussed and agreed that as this would not directly benefit Great Barford residents they therefore did not agree to any funding.

Action Clerk to contact Country Days Charity to advise them that the Parish Council is not able to assist in funding.

8. Discuss and agree boundaries and fly tipping within the Woodpecker Close.

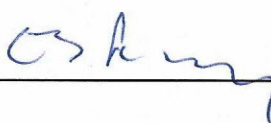
The Parks and Open Spaces Committee discussed and agreed that the Woodpecker Resident Committee should be contacted to advise them of the fly tipping.

Action Clerk to contact the Woodpecker Resident Committee regarding fly tipping.

Action Clerk to ask handyman to remove the rubbish.

Action Clerk to establish the boundaries owned by the Parish Council. Clerk to contact Land Registry to confirm ownership.

Action Clerk to put on Full Parish Council agenda to discuss further and agree for communication to be sent to the Woodpecker resident and Housing Association regarding boundaries.

Signed: _____ 

Date: 17-03-2020

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