

Minutes of the meeting of the Parks and Open Spaces Committee held on the 3rd September 2019 at the Parish Council Office – 59 High Street, Great Barford.

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

Apologies: Stuart Southall

Clerk: Joanne Lee

MINUTES

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Stuart Southall

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

None.

3. Discuss and Agree the next Litter Pick in the Village.

Great Barford Parish Council discussed and agreed that a litter pick was required for the outskirts of the village and to also use this as a village walk.

Action Clerk to arrange a litter pick for Saturday 26th October at 10am and to advertise the event on Facebook and posters on Parish Notice Boards. Clerk to check availability of the Village Hall and Ann Lovesey to check availability of Bowls Club.

4. Review the grass cutting contract and discuss and agree a plan of action.

The Clerk advised that Russell Harley had advised that from September he no longer wanted the Woodpecker grass cutting contract. The Parish Council discussed and agreed that 3 independent quotes were required grass cutting contract for Woodpecker which would commence in 2020. The Parish Council also discussed and agreed a local contractor would required to complete the remaining few weeks left on the grass contract for Woodpeckers.

Action Clerk and Councillors to monitor the grassed areas.

Action Clerk to contact 3 grass cutting contract for quotes for woodpecker and put to full Parish Council meeting.

Action Clerk to contact a local contractor to finish the last few weeks of grasscutting in Woodpecker area and to check a contract for the handyman is not required.

5. Discuss and agree a plan of action for a second handyman contract.

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Great Barford Parish Council discussed and agreed that a second adhoc handyman would be required for any future handyman jobs.

Action Clerk to investigate if handyman can be contacted adhoc for individual handyman jobs or if a contract is required..

Clerk to compile a list of handymen to contact for adhoc jobs for clerk.

6. Update on rabbit holes on the village playing fields. Discuss and agree a plan of action.

Russell Harley contacted the Clerk to advise that the rabbit holes had been filled in.

Action Councillors to check the playing field for any rabbit holes missed and to contact the clerk if any holes spotted.

7. Review the Wickstead Play Inspection Report.

Great Barford Parish Council discussed and agreed that other surfaces instead of bark under the space net and hurricane swing by the Village Hall should be investigated. It was also discussed and agreed that any high risk jobs on the inspection report are to be completed by handyman.

Action Clerk to contact Komplan/Wickstead on what surfaces are permitted under space net and hurricane swing by the Village Hall area instead of bark and to report findings back to next Parks and Opens Spaces Committee.

Action Clerk to contact handyman to action any high risk jobs and to clean all the playground equipment.

Signed: _____



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