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Minutes of the meeting of the Parks and Open Spaces Committee held on the 03rd April 2013 at the Village Hall

Councillors present: Di Ames (Chair), Derrick Folbigg, Trevor Cooper, Stuart Southall, Ann Lovesey, James Rudgley.

In attendance: Councillor Stephen Moon, Councillor Doug McMurdo

Clerk: Anne Papé

Meeting opened 19:30

MINUTES

1. **To receive and approve apologies for absence** - None
2. **Declarations of interest in any matter – being prejudicial or personal**
 - 2.1 Councillor Cooper declared an interest in item 5 of the agenda.

Adjourned for public session

Councillor McMurdo addressed the committee with regard to the holiday playscheme in Great Barford. The numbers attending the playscheme had declined by 75% over a 6 year period. Relocation of the playscheme to another location was therefore under consideration. The Committee felt that the playscheme should remain in Great Barford and that they would be willing to assist in the promotion of the scheme. It was agreed that the Clerk would provide a plan for effective communication to Councillor McMurdo by the 12th April.

3. To consider the lease for the slipway

- 3.1 Councillor Folbigg and the Clerk would meet with the leaseholder with regard to the rent and public liability insurance.

4. To consider the open spaces in Chapel Field

- 4.1 A copy of the deeds for the open spaces had been obtained. The plans identified three childrens play spaces. One of the play spaces had been used as a parking area for a number of years. The surface was now in poor condition. It was agreed that quotes be obtained to make good the area.

Action – Clerk to obtain quotations.

5. To discuss the response to the planting scheme in Pyms Close

- 5.1 The Clerk had been unable to contact Mr Chadwick. New contact details were supplied during the meeting. It was agreed that one last landscaping scheme would be put to the residents.

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6. To consider the purchase of youth equipment

6.1 All agreed to the purchase of the combination rugby/football goals from Grimshaw Sports from the Youth Innovation grant.

7. To consider the consultation form for the dog control orders

7.1 It was recommended that a statement be included as follows:

'In compliance with this Act the Parish Council proposes to introduce the following orders:'

7.2 It was recommended that a statement referencing the Section 27 of The Road Traffic Act 1988 be added.

7.3 It was agreed that a Dogs on Lead Order should be introduced in the Churchyard, Graveyard, Village Green and all other Parish Council owned open spaces.

Action – Clerk to obtain a price for a new dog waste bin in The Gamblings

8. To review the draft Playing Field policy

8.1 It was agreed that a key list be put in place.

8.2 Under point 13 a statement would be added to request that respect be given to local residents with respect to noise and parking.

9. To review the schedule of works

9.1 Issues with footpath width on Silver Street to be raised with Highways at Bedford Borough Council. Width restriction on the High Street due to overhanging branches also to be reported.

9.2 A street lamp by Shelton Court was reported to be flickering.

9.3 The stump in the open space in Chapel Field could be used to make a bench.

Action – Clerk to consult with the Handyman

9.4 It was agreed to install 2 rings to the storage building to allow the football goals to be secured to the building.

9.5 A brook walk would be carried out in conjunction with the visit from the Internal Drainage Board.

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