

Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee Meeting 26 June 2018, 7.00pm

Held in the Community Centre, King Georges Avenue, Leiston

Present: Cllr Lesley Hill
Cllr Bing Boast
Cllr Colin Ginger
Cllr Selena Levermore
Cllr John Last
Cllr David Bailey
Mrs Caroline Rinder (Deputy Town Clerk)

Action

1. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Cllr Last, seconded by Cllr Levermore and agreed that Cllr Mrs Lesley Hill be appointed Chairman of the Committee.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public attended.

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Howard.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 23 JANUARY 2018 AND 11 APRIL 2018

All agreed the minutes of 23 January and of the walk around on 11 April were a true record.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Memorial Trees

Cllr Levermore confirmed one memorial tree was planted in the community orchard in the spring and another resident is hoping to plant a tree in the autumn.

Community Orchard Spring Daffodil Event

Cllr Bailey congratulated Cllr Levermore on a very successful event.

Haylings Pond Sign

All the repairs have been completed to the pond area. Mrs Rinder confirmed Alde Valley Academy students are currently in the process of designing a sign as part of their school work. Mr Hanger will send these once completed for consideration.

Code of Conduct Sign

Mrs Rinder is currently progressing a new sign.

6. COMMUNITY ORCHARD – WILDFLOWER MEADOW

Cllr Hill was disappointed the plug plants planted last spring did not survive but would like to try again. After further discussion it was agreed to trial a small area

and seed it in the autumn, this can then naturally develop over time. Mrs Rinder will get some advice from Norse. It was also noted the bracken is growing fast and the grass/paths need cutting in the orchard area. Mrs Rinder will contact Norse.

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7. KING GEORGES AVENUE – OLD CHILDREN’S PLAY AREA

Cllr Hill asked the committee to consider updating the older children’s play area as some of the equipment is over 20 years old. The toddler play area was upgraded last year and was a big success. Mrs Rinder informed the meeting we currently hold £25,000 in the play equipment reserves and if desired, some of the CIL reserves of £7,800 could be used. It was agreed for Mrs Rinder to obtain some brochures and to consult with the primary school on ideas for equipment and to report back with costs.

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8. PLAY EQUIPMENT – ANNUAL INSPECTION

Mrs Rinder confirmed all the play equipment on Victory Road and King Georges Avenue recreation grounds had been inspected by The Play Inspection Company with a low risk outcome. Mrs Rinder had contacted the zip wire company asking them to service the zip wire and repair as required.

9. CCTV

Cllr Bailey was very disappointed that the CCTV system installed on Victory Road recreation ground was not working. After lengthy discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Ginger, seconded by Cllr Bailey and agreed to get the CCTV system up and running as previously agreed at Council. Clarification will be sought from Melbek if they are able to complete the project and to give a timeline and possible costs involved.

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10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Victory Road Fencing

Cllr Bailey mentioned that following Leiston’s Big Weekend, he noticed the fencing posts, which had been cut, were not as rigid as they should be and suggested sleeves needed to be put in. Mrs Rinder will action

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Autumn Event at Community Orchard

Cllr Levermore suggested having an event and asked for ideas.

Haylings Pond

Cllr Last informed the committee it had been rumoured a syringe had been found on Haylings Pond park. Cllr Hill will raise this at the ASB meeting on Thursday.

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11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

A walk around is scheduled for Wednesday 26 September 2018 at 5pm, meeting at King Georges Avenue ground.

Meeting finished at 8.25pm