

# Stretton Parish Council

## Open Spaces Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019

IN ATTENDANCE : Cllr S Tilley  
Cllr K Winson  
Cllr J McKiernan  
Cllr S Campion  
Mrs A J Smith - Clerk  
Mr C Winson - Maintenance Contractor

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr P Scanlan

2. MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A copy of the minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting. There were no comments to be made.

3. JUBILEE PLAYING FIELDS

CW advised that the ditches have been cleared and all the path edges sprayed.

SJC agreed to look at the pitch and training area ground condition prior to the next meeting and then arrangements can be made to aerate and reseed.

4. WOODLAND WALK

The Clerk advised that bluebell plug plants have been ordered and should be delivered towards the end of March. CW, ST and SJC agreed to plant when received near to the bench / oak tree.

It was noted that some pot holes had appeared in the gravel path; areas to be made good

It was agreed that the rotting fence along the boundary with Hillfield Lane should be replaced in the Autumn with fencing and hedging plants.

5. PLANTERS - CHURCH ROAD

The Clerk advised that a date for removal is awaited from the contractor. JMCK informed that Forticrete had not been forthcoming with a bespoke piece for the area. It was agreed that CW would obtain the sandstone post and large rocks etc for the planting area.

The Clerk confirmed that the fingerpost brickwork had been completed and CW had planted up preliminarily.

6. BITHAM LANE COMMUNITY PARK

ST and SJC advised of the hedge planting incident where the rabbit guards and stakes had been removed - photographs were circulated. Despite the above the planting has been completed.

CW and SJC advised that the ground condition of the field area is in need of attention; it was agreed that some seed be obtained for SJC to aerate and reseed the area asap.

It was noted that the signage for the Trim Trail equipment is fading and needs to be replaced. The Clerk to investigate.

7. JINNY NATURE TRAIL

ST commented that the clearance works over the winter had been good.

8. OTHER LAND

CW advised that 5 acer trees had been planted on Station Walk and that the rope around the wildflower bed will be replaced.

The Clerk advised that the bin at Beech Lane had been overflowing again but upon investigation it had been blocked with a drinks bottle. Despite this it was felt that a bigger bin be installed

9. BUDGET

The Clerk circulated the current budget position with regard to open spaces.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

CW informed that the Bowls Club were wanting to erect some spot lights and that they had been advised to discuss with the Council.

SJC enquired if it would be possible for the church field to be mown for several cuts prior to the Stretton Gala on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2019 - this was agreed.

11. DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 6.00pm.