

Stretton Parish Council

Open Spaces Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 30th July 2019

IN ATTENDANCE : Cllr S Tilley
 Cllr J McKiernan
 Cllr P Scanlan
 Cllr T Williams
 Mrs A J Smith - Clerk
 Mr C Winson - Maintenance Contractor

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr K Winson and Cllr S Campion.

2. MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A copy of the minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting.

3. JUBILEE PLAYING FIELDS

The Clerk advised of the current pitch hire and training fees and it was agreed to keep the pitch fee charges the same but increase the training fee by £1 per hour due to the toilet facility being available.

The Clerk updated on the extension works to the Changing Rooms and the delay with the foundations following the Building Inspector visit.

4. WOODLAND WALK

TW commented that the wildflowers (in all areas) had been lovely and well received.

CW was advised that there was a tree at the Hillfield end that was leaning badly.

It was acknowledged that the nut trees are bearing fruit and it was suggested that some additional hazelnut trees be planted in the gaps.

JMcK advised that he had a monkey puzzle tree that could be planted at the RSPCA entrance - CW to sort.

It was agreed that the boundary areas should be cleared again during the winter and that a fence/hedge should be put adjacent to the canal path kissing gate.

JMcK suggested that the original idea of a ramp onto the walk from Amberlands be reviewed. ST and JMcK to discuss.

5. BITHAM LANE COMMUNITY PARK

ST advised that SJC had suggested putting some manure along the hedgeline of the new fencing along the park and Station Walk, to prevent people from climbing over the fence. CW advised that he was also laying brambles across the fencing.

It was agreed to source new signs for the playareas.

JMcK informed of the overhanging oak tree onto 15 Ladywell. CW to discuss with PJC.

The Clerk to arrange a meeting with the Wicksteed rep and ST to look at new play equipment for the playarea.

6. JINNY NATURE TRAIL

The meeting discussed the pond and the water height.

7. OTHER LAND

Station Walk :

- The Clerk advised that she had spoken with Clive Baker as he would like to make some amendments to the signage design. When this is completed new signs will be ordered with some edging.
- It was agreed not to plant any more trees along the Walk.

Beech Lane:

- TW commented that ESBC had still not done any maintenance on the path and the brambles were nearly completely over the path
- TW and CW advised that one the plum trees had been damaged.
- It was noted that the area was looking good.

The Green - JMCK commented that there were weeds on the steps.

8. BUDGET

The Clerk advised that the budget would be discussed at the Parish Council meeting following this meeting.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed that bulb planting should be arranged for September.

10. DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be at 6pm on 3rd September 2019.