

# *Stretton Parish Council*

## **Open Spaces Committee**

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019

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

1.     **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr S Tilley

2.     **MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

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

3.     **JUBILEE PLAYING FIELDS**

The Clerk confirmed that the contractor would be returning to replace some of the whips along the Derby Road hedgeline and also remove the elder regrowth.

CW advised of the gap in the hedgeline adjacent to the canal near to the benches and it was agreed that he fit post and rail into the gap.

The meeting discussed installing some retractable posts on the carpark entrance that would prevent wider vehicles entering the carpark. CW to obtain costs and liaise with the Clerk.

CW commented that following training sessions and on Saturday mornings there was a lot of mud on the carpark resulting from football boots being knocked together instead of on the field. The Clerk to contact the football clubs.

4.     **WOODLAND WALK**

CW to continue with clearance works during the winter and clear the boundary areas again.

CW advised that he had some bulbs to plant and the monkey puzzle at the entrance.

5.     **BITHAM LANE COMMUNITY PARK**

The meeting acknowledged that the park had been well used during the summer months.

The Clerk advised that a meeting had been arranged with Wicksteed Leisure to look at the play equipment.

It was agreed to have a no parking sign put onto the entrance gate and also repaint the gateway. It was also agreed to reinstate the boundary fencing alongside the carpark area.

The field ground condition was discussed and it was agreed that the goalposts should be taken down in October with new posts erected in Spring 2020. Arrangements to be made for having topsoil and reseeding the field in September 2020.

6. JINNY NATURE TRAIL

The meeting discussed the pond and the water height again and CW was asked to remove the stones which were being used to dam the pond. It was noted that the land on the opposite side to the ditch was not drying out and that this could be due to the backing up of the water from the pond.

7. OTHER LAND

Station Walk :

- CW advised of problems with the ballast from the rail track being thrown around the area and potentially could cause damage to the mower. The meeting to give some thought as to what could be done.

Beech Lane:

- TW commented that ESBC had still not done any maintenance on the path.
- It was noted that the fruit trees had a lot of fruit and parishioners should be encouraged to pick and take away.

The Green

- JMCK and the Clerk to meet with G McCulloch to discuss replanting some of the garden areas.
- The adjacent carpark, owned by ESBC, is in need of tidying up. The Clerk to write to ESBC with a price to do the work.

8. BUDGET

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

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

SJC advised that the tractor mowers need to be replaced for next season and agreed to obtain some quotations for consideration.

10. DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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