

Stretton Parish Council

Open Spaces Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd March 2020

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr J McKiernan and Cllr P Scanlan

2. MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

3. JUBILEE PLAYING FIELDS

SJC commented on the number of teams currently using the football pitches. It was agreed to reduce these for the next season due to overuse and also some teams have not been forthcoming with fixtures and payment which has caused problems.

It was agreed that the changing rooms and extension be open for Councillors to view at a date to be agreed.

It was agreed that some hardstanding was needed fronting the new garages and also tidying up of the rear of the building. The Clerk to obtain groundwork quotations.

4. WOODLAND WALK

CW informed that the tree planting had been started to the specification agreed with Cllrs Tilley and McKiernan.

Cllrs agreed that wildflower beds should be reinstated and the Clerk to purchase some additional seed.

CW advised that the juniper trees were on order for the area where the paths meet.

5. BITHAM LANE COMMUNITY PARK

The Clerk advised that the installation of the play equipment had been completed but there were some line markings to be installed.

Cllrs had been circulated with a copy of an email received regarding the lack of equipment for older children. The Cllrs agreed that the Clerk respond that this is a phased project.

It was agreed that the metal seat in the playarea should now be removed as it is not used. It was agreed that some climbing equipment was needed and the Clerk to obtain some costings of relevant equipment to be considered for the next phase.

It was acknowledged that new goalposts should be installed prior to the school Easter holidays and the pitch to be turned thus allowing the ground to recover.

6. JINNY NATURE TRAIL

The Clerk advised that there was a meeting scheduled with a drainage specialist to look at the drainage along the Trail. The land slip was also discussed and agreed that some investigation work is needed and the Clerk to discuss with the drainage specialist.

It was also agreed that work on skimming some sludge from the pond should be considered.

7. OTHER LAND

Beech Lane:

- The Clerk suggested approaching Burton Conservation Volunteers to see if they would be willing to take on the maintenance of the newly planted fruit trees and ascertain a cost for this.

8. BUDGET

The Clerk circulated a Detailed Report on the budget areas relating to open spaces as at the end of February 2020.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

SJC advised that he had been considering the idea of developing a Biodiversity Plan and provided a quotation for the Jinny and Woodland areas. It was felt that all Parish Council areas should be included in a plan and the Clerk to contact the contractor to revise the quotation.

10. DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed to meet either in April or May depending on issues to be discussed.