

Stretton Parish Council

Open Spaces Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd March 2021

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

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Scanlan and Williams.

2. **MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

A copy of the minutes from the February meeting had been circulated prior to the meeting and accepted.

3. **REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON MAINTENANCE SCHEDULES**

A copy of the maintenance plan, from the previous meeting, had been circulated prior to the meeting.

A copy of a detailed maintenance schedule compiled in 2015 was also circulated.

Cllrs agreed that the two sheets could be amalgamated to form an annual maintenance planner.

Cllrs discussed and agreed to purchase the following for the Woodland Walk :

- Ladysmock seeds for spreading along the walk
- Snowdrop plants for the area around the oak tree
- Cowslip plants for the bank where the walnut trees are planted
- Primrose plants for the oak tree area

Cllr McKiernan commented that the existing patch of snowdrops looks good.

Cllr McKiernan suggested having some flowers in the ditch at the bottom end of the Jubilee Playing Fields but it was felt that there was little soil on the boundary areas. It was agreed to make two wildflower areas at that end of the field in each corner.

It was agreed that the field would be rolled and aeriated when it is best to do so.

The flood water has now drained away on the Jinny and any maintenance works should be held until the drainage project is completed.

Cllrs agreed that a 1 metre strip should be left unmown along the hedgeline with Bitham Lane and alongside the Allotment fence and the goalposts and zipline to be reinstated by the Easter holidays.

Agreed to having wildflower areas at both ends of Station Walk.

Consideration was made to have some additional planting in the boundary areas of The Green.

It was agreed that the Millennium Garden should be maintained as is.

Cllrs agreed that the wildflower area at the end of Church Road be reinstated.

4. ANY ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Cllr Winson suggested that a bigger Christmas display could be undertaken for 2021 with 4 trees - end of Church Road, Priory Centre, Millennium Garden and end of Station Walk. Tree sleeves could be put into the ground, real trees put in with solar lights. The Clerk suggested having some decorations on the trees which would be seen during daylight hours. It was agreed to investigate this further.

5. DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be arranged.