

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ASHURST AND COLBURY PARISH COUNCIL OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE.

Held at The Parish Council Office, Colbury Church Rooms, Deerleap Lane, on 3rd July at 7pm.



Present; Cllr Caroline Hubbard (Chair), Cllr Clive White, Cllr Charlie Pickford, Cllr Mike Thomas, Cllr Andy Austin

Also in attendance; Cllr Adrian Eyre, Heather Richards

Clerk; Helen Klaassen

- OS/19/001 Election of Chair and Vice Chair.** **Action**
It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Pickford be elected Chair and Cllr Austin be elected Vice Chair.
- OS/19/002 Apologies for Absence.**
Cllr Robinson.
- OS/19/003 Declarations of Interest.**
None.
- OS/19/004 Minutes of Previous Meeting.**
The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and the Chair signed them.
- OS/19/005 Matters Arising from the Minutes and Action Updates.** **Clerk**
- Grass matting; would be done soon as would the gaps in the fence. **Clerk**
- The OS action plan would be copied to Dropbox.
- OS/19/006 Wildplay.** To receive an update from the Clerk and Chair.
The lizard had been installed. In light on the negative response of facebook, more education and information promulgation was discussed, including the possibility of putting the Wildplay toolkit on the website and /or social media. **Clerk**
It was **agreed** that Cllr Hubbard and the Clerk would compile an article regarding the Wildplay which would include links to the NFPA website and toolkit. **CH/Clerk**
Resolved; To agree the quote and design for the Wildplay equipment and to instruct the Clerk to apply to the National Park Authority for S106 funding for the Parish Council portion of costs.
- OS/19/007 Safety Inspection.** To review the report by Playsafety LTD and decide on necessary actions arising from it.
It was noted that a few things needed remedial action immediately, these were; the picnic table slats which had come loose, the bench which had broken and now had protruding nails.

It was agreed that Cllr Eyre would review the report and identify priorities. To be reviewed at the next meeting. **AE**
- OS/19/008 Events in the Recreation Ground.**
Cllr Thomas had been in touch with Hampshire Open Studios, who had advised that there would be additional costs for installation and shipping of exhibits, which could work put quite costly. Other options such as contacting schools and art colleges and local artists were discussed and it was **agreed** that Cllr White would speak to a contact he had so see what his thoughts on the idea were and how achievable it was. **CW**
- OS/19/009 Access for All.** To discuss the issues surrounding children, dogs and dogs mess in the recreation ground and consider what, if any, action need be taken.

The issues were; children and dogs and issues arising from their coming into contact, dogs fighting or play fighting, dog poo.
Possible solutions mooted; fence off children's equipment, specific fenced off dog area, dogs on leads.
It was **agreed** that an article should be placed in the magazine outlining the issues and outlining the above solutions and asking for resident's opinions. Cllr Pickford to compose. **CP**
In the meantime, the Clerk was requested to email PCSO Richard asking for his thoughts on approaching dog owners to confront them over undesirable behaviour. **Clerk**

OS/19/010 Items for Next Meeting.

- Allotments
- Exercise equipment
- Drainage
- Flowers / bulbs

Next meeting; 7th August at 7pm.

The meeting concluded at 20.54.

Signed; _____

Date: _____