

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 Charlie Pickford (Chair) Cllr Caroline Hubbard, Cllr Clive White.

Also in attendance; Heather Richards

Clerk; Helen Klaassen

		Action
OS/19/010	Apologies for Absence. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Thomas. Cllr Austin was also absent.	
OS/19/011	Declarations of Interest. None.	
OS/19/012	Minutes of Previous Meeting. The minutes were AGREED as a true and accurate record and the Chair signed them.	
OS/19/013	Matters Arising from the Minutes and Action Updates. <u>Grass matting;</u> Clerk to purchase ASAP. <u>Art installations;</u> CW spoke to C Phillips; it could be done, over a weekend perhaps. It was noted as the location wasn't secure, the artworks would have to be portable to allow them to be transported home each night. The committee agreed that it would be acceptable but that the organisation should be handled by the Community Engagement Committee. Clerk to refer. <u>Letters from MOP re. dogs in park;</u> It was noted by the committee that the Clerk had been receiving some unpleasant letters from residents in response to the article in the magazine and that some of the writers were taking the opportunity to raise issues that were not related. It was agreed that the clerk should reply to the writers to acknowledge their comments and advise that the committee were collating the information provided. The Clerk was advised to speak to PCSO Williams if necessary. It was agreed that relevant feedback should go into a spreadsheet within dropbox, with no personally identifiable information.	Clerk Clerk / CE Cmte Clerk Clerk
OS/19/014	Wildplay. To receive an update from the Clerk and Chair. Name the Lizard Competition – Clerk to purchase soft toy and plant sticks. Clerk reminded to text Bryan regarding fencing not being needed. Poster put up and facebook post, mailchimp. The platform had been widened to allow wheelchair users more manoeuvrability and an exit added at the other end.	Clerk Clerk Clerk
OS/19/015	Equipment Maintenance. Safety Review and follow up remedial works. <u>Slide repairs;</u> Dave Shawyer to be contacted to re-quote to do slide repair. If within £75 of original quote, then Clerk authorised to order works. <u>Loose goal posts;</u> Alf to be asked to fill with soil and compact, to make good. <u>Carousel and rocker;</u> CP spoke to Wicksteed about, he and AE will inspect and if they can make repairs they will do. <u>Toddler Swing;</u> CP and AE to inspect and report back. <u>Path Spraying;</u> Clerk to check if Nightingale are contracted to do and if so confirm when.	Clerk Clerk CP/AE CP/AE Clerk
OS/19/016	Exercise Equipment. The Clerk had met a representative from Proludic to seek a quote. It was agreed that the proposals and examples of the equipment should be publicised at the fete to gain the residents thoughts.	Clerk / CH
OS/19/017	Drainage Issue. It was agreed to schedule the rodding again for Sept / October and to check with Jon over who's responsibility which parts of the drainage in the area was, but in the longer term to leave it as it appeared that the area had naturally sorted itself out.	Clerk
OS/19/018	Flowers and Planting. It was agreed to purchase £50 worth of crocus and daffodil bulbs. Planting locations to be decided.	Clerk

OS/19/019 Allotments Prize Giving.

It was acknowledged that the format needed to change and that the matter would be revisited in spring.

OS/19/020 Budget 18/19 and 19/20 Review.

The budget for the current year was reviewed and using the allowance for new equipment, it was **Agreed** to purchase 2 new picnic tables, one of which would be designed to be utilised by wheelchair users. It was noted that they should be larger than the current ones and that the budget for this was £1000. Clerk to arrange send pictures and prices to committee.
Review of last year's budget to be carried forward to next meeting.

Clerk

OS/19/021 Items for Next Meeting.

Cllr Thomas's question regarding lengths of grass was noted and it was agreed that the cut length was standard and most likely to give the grass a good chance of regeneration.

The meeting concluded at 21.00.

Signed; _____

Date: _____