

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

Held online via Zoom, on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021 at 3pm.



**Present;** Cllr Andy Austin, Cllr Caroline Hubbard, Cllr Clive White, Cllr Mike Thomas, Cllr Bobbie Torkington, Cllr Caroline Smith.  
Ian Oliver, Heather Richards.

**Clerk;** Helen Klaassen

**Members of the Public:** 1

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<b>OS19/054</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest.</b> Cllr Austin, Cllr Torkington and Cllr Smith declared an interest in item OS19/61 as allotment tenants. The Clerk advised it would not be necessary to remove them to the waiting room on this occasion.	<b>Action</b>
<b>OS19/055</b>	<b>Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting.</b> The minutes were <b>AGREED</b> and the Clerk would provide a copy for signing.	
<b>OS19/056</b>	<b>Matters Arising from the Minutes and Action Updates.</b>  The annual tree survey had been done and tree works recommended. The Clerk would organise with the tree surgeon. <b>Clerk</b> It had been reported that the Wildplay equipment was slippery. The Clerk was discussion remedial action with the installer. <b>Clerk</b> More mats for round the Playscapes equipment had been passed to the Lengthsman for fitting. A playground consultant was likely to cost in the region of £1500.	
<b>OS19/057</b>	<b>Memorial Area in Recreation Ground.</b> The matter was discussed and it was felt that the recreation ground was not an appropriate place for a memorial area. Further discussion revealed a desire for an area within the recreation ground that could be used for quiet contemplation. It was thus <b>RESOLVED</b> to consider a sensory garden for quiet contemplation. The Clerk would speak to Go Botanical regarding a suitable location, planting and potential costs. Bring back to next meeting.	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>OS19/058</b>	<b>Play Equipment.</b> The committee heard from a resident who, together with other residents, were keen to see a refurbishment of the existing play equipment, with better provision made for younger children including a fenced off area for them to play safely. The group had considered funding and the type of equipment they would like to see installed. The committee agreed, and <b>RESOLVED</b> that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- the equipment needed replacing</li><li>- that a fenced off area for toddlers should be provided as part of the redevelopment</li><li>- the area currently occupied by equipment would be utilised and if possible extended to the rear, though it was noted that drainage works and ground levelling may be needed.</li><li>- the Clerk would arrange to meet several companies to gather initial ideas of what could be provided and for what cost so a clearer idea of how much funding would be needed</li><li>- a working party would be formed consisting of councillors, clerk and members of the public to carry the project forward.</li></ul> Consideration would be given to disabled inclusivity. The resident was asked to create a Facebook page and poll to gather views and ideas and to research funding options.	<b>Clerk</b> <b>Clerk</b>
<b>OS19/059</b>	<b>Allotments:</b> <b>1. Update from the Clerk.</b> The CPS were not working at the moment, but the ditch that had been dug was already working. All plots were now occupied and there was a waiting list. It was agreed that the Clerk and Cllr Hubbard would commence inspections from March/April. Ian Oliver noted that the post that used to secure the gate open had rotted and needed replacing and that the padlock on the main gate needed to be looked at as it was sticking. <b>2. Waste Clearance.</b> It was agreed to hire a skip to take all the accumulated waste from the car park area, including the excess soil and green waste. Clerk to speak to Solent Skips. Let Ian know the date to see if allotment holders could be persuaded to help clear up.	<b>Clerk</b>

**OS19/060 Items for Next Meeting.**

- Play equipment
- Sensory garden
- Doodle poll for next meeting date.

The meeting concluded at 16.50.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_