

Notes from HPC Open Spaces meeting 16 September 2019

Present: Cllr Baldwin (Chair), Cllr Baker, Cllr Hagan, Cllr Horton, Cllr Roberts, Cllr Weaver

1. **Apologies:** apologies were accepted from Cllr Thompson

2. No further declarations of interest

3. Allotments

Member of the Public: A Baker, M Baker, B Marks, D Marshall, J Payne and R Padbury.

Winners were asked to assist judging next year by informing the judges who the new allotment holders are so that this can be taken into account during the judging.

4. Public session

The Chair asked the Dell plot tenants on their thoughts on reducing the hedges between the allotments and the Dell playground to permit the installation of a CCTV camera. This was generally supported in principle as long as it is high enough to deter deer and intruders!

There were no representations, questions or evidence from Members of the Public.

5. Minutes of Open Spaces Meeting 17th June 2019

The minutes were approved with the following changes: [Tracked in accompanying document]

6. Correspondence

Letter 1: Cllr Horton declared an interest. Cllrs agreed to review arrangements for maintenance overall, rather than just grass cutting, when the contract comes up from renewal in 2020 and the contractor who currently handles the Wycombe side of the Rec should be invited to tender. In the meantime Cllrs agreed that the contractor should be asked to give a day's notice of work.

Letter 2: Noted. Cllrs agreed that they should explore acquiring the freehold.

Letter 3. Noted

7. **Quotations** There were no quotations

8. Playgrounds

Cllrs reviewed the reports on the condition of the playgrounds. Repairs have already been authorised to some moderate risks. In addition the Clerk should be asked to action other moderate risks, securing quotes if necessary, and in particular as a matter of priority Hazlemere Rec p37 (multiplay), p43 (rope tunnel), and page 47 (rotating beam).

Rose avenue – the Clerk should be asked to prioritise removal of broken glass (shelter); trip hazard for basket ball court

The warden should be asked to tackle the lower risks over time. The Clerk be asked to report back on progress.

9. Allotments

The tenancy agreements were reviewed and no changes were recommended. They were regarded as acceptable without further change.

10. Trees and Boundary hedges

Noted.

11. Cedar Barn Complex

Noted

12. Holy Trinity Closed Churchyard

Nothing to report

13. Public footpaths

Nothing to report

14. Open spaces

Noted

Highfield Way: Cllr Baker declared an interest – the Clerk be asked to ask the contractor to remove bramble patch and cut round properly in future, and to remove the ash tree saplings.

Hazlemere Rec – Cllr Horton reported that some of the fencing posts by the bund have been damaged, possibly by a 4x4. Clerk be asked to investigate some alternative form of fencing.

15. Outstanding matters

Item 2 – quotation received, Clerk to progress (Sept 19)

Item 21 – agreed that Clerk should be asked to fix another site visit.

Clerk be asked to review and update actions, deleting items as appropriate.

The Clerk be asked to enquire about possibility of a planter on the triangular island in the centre of the crossroads.

Website accessibility – visibility controls have been actioned. Some other items can be improved eg yellow on white.

16. Footway lighting

Noted. Cllr Thompson be asked to contact Stewkley Parish Council.

17. Chairman's report

Nothing to report

Meeting closed at 9.30