



FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE OF FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 23rd FEBRUARY 2016 AT 8.05 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE MEMORIAL HALL

PRESENT: Councillors: C Bray (Chair), M Wheeler, G Kennett MBE, Sandra Allen, A Bamford, C Fleury, and B Hobbs.

ABSENT: B Hinton MBE and D Eccles.

Members of the public: none.

Clerk: M J Mills

1. APOLOGIES: Councillors G Cameron and J Medland.

2. TO AGREE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 20th OCTOBER 2015.

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th October 2015, having been circulated, be approved.

3. QUESTIONS ON THE AGENDA FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (UP TO 15 MINUTES) AT THE CHAIRMANS DISCRETION

None.

4. ISLAND 2000 RE GOLDEN HILL AND AFTON MARSH – to be confirmed.

This now to be postponed to a future meeting.

5. NORTON GREEN – UPDATE ON DRAINAGE PROBLEMS AND ACCESS OVER PARISH LAND AT GLOUCESTER COTTAGE.

Cllr Wheeler said that work had been carried out and the contractors were coming back to do some turfing. The new system was working well.

The access at Gloucester Cottage was crushed brick. The Clerk to write to the owner about this.

6. UPDATE RE STROUD COPPICE.

Some tree cutting had been done on Southern Household's land.

A resident had been concerned about the proposed work and it was resolved to let her have a copy of the management plan and to explain it to her.

It was still unclear exactly what Southern Households would be paying for. The Chair pointed out that there had been a budget of £2000 which had not been used. The Chair suggested a general tidy up of the site when the tree work is done.

A site visit was proposed.

7. POUND GREEN – REPAIRS TO THE ROADWAY.

Resolved that a quote be obtained for scalplings.

8. GRANNY'S MEADE – REMOVAL OF TREE TIES AND UPDATE RE PETER PLUCKNETT SEAT.

Resolved that Brighstone Landscaping be instructed to do the tree ties.

The Chair said that Mark Churcher had been working at the Old Fire Station. He would do the bench once that job had been completed.

9. SPINFISH – NEED FOR FURTHER GABION BASKETS TO BE CONSIDERED.

Resolved that Cllrs Bray and Wheeler would meet with Brighstone Landscaping on site to look at this.

10. HEDGE CUTTING AT GATE LANE TOILETS.

It was reported that Brighstone Landscaping had done some hedging although it was not part of the contract.

11. MANORIAL LAND AT QUEENS ROAD/WINDMILL LANE – PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS AND PROPOSED ACTION RE GREEN AREAS.

Windmill Lane residents had been asked about double yellow lines. However given this was an unadopted road it was felt that yellow lines would have no legal effect.

A meeting should be arranged with Spectrum to discuss putting in posts.

12. TREES BY THE SKATE PARK – ACTION REQUIRED.

There is an overhanging tree which needed to be done for health and safety purposes.

Brighstone Landscaping were due to inspect. Agreed that this should be done as soon as possible.

13. TREE SURVEY REPORT. TO NOTE AND AGREE ACTION.

The report was duly noted and work to be done in the autumn.

14. OTHER MATTERS

Brighstone Landscaping have been asked to pick up branches before grass cutting started. Grass had been dug up near the back entrance to the Health Centre. This was thought to be badger activity. Brighstone Landscaping had been asked to fill this.

Some tidying up at West Green was suggested. Cars were often parking by the gate.

Ditch clearance at West Green would be discussed with Brighstone Landscaping.

Cllr Wheeler referred to a triangular patch of land at Norton Green (by the shute).

Ownership was unclear. It was being used by BMX cyclists. The area needed protection.

It was questioned whether village green status could be sought. This to be referred to the Parish Council.

A gate was needed at the bottom of Stroud Playing Fields to prevent dogs and children getting on to the road.

The meeting closed at 8.52 pm.