

OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING

held in
the Parish Council Chambers
Wednesday 28th June 2017
following Planning Meeting.

Present: Cllr S Jenkinson (Chairman), Mrs Barrow, Mrs Chapman,
Mrs Ewart, Holland, Kenyon and Morrison

- 1 Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Millar and Caine.
- 2 There were no declarations of interest.
- 3 The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd March 2017 were received and approved.
- 4 **Moatbrook** – consideration was given to:
 - i. Re-stoning at gateway behind play area and by the Information Board. Cllr Kenyon advised that a request was made to stone along the back of the houses. Cllr Jenkinson thought the request was for stoning by the Display Board. The Clerk advised that stoning by the Information Board could cause problems in maintaining and cutting the surrounding grass. Cllr Jenkinson advised that he would visit the site and report back to the Open Spaces Committee.
 - ii. A resident's issue regarding their fence and trees on Moatbrook Nature Reserve was considered.
Cllrs requested that quotations are obtained for works to the Laurels to address the problem.
5. **Allotment Site**
 - i. The Committee were advised to the request received from Watery Lane Allotment Association for the Parish Council to contribute £300.00 from the Annual Allotment Rents, towards a sit on mower, (the allotment Association will put £800.00 towards the cost of the mower).
The request was agreed at the meeting of the council of the 28th June. Matter of report.
 - ii. The meeting was advised that the new signage at the allotment site is now in place. Matter of report.
6. **Chapel Lane Playing Field:**
 - i. Consideration was given to new signage. The Chairman advised that following a request from a resident, perhaps the council could consider a sign regarding noise. The meeting agreed as the Parish Council had only received one complaint, to defer agreement to additional signage and the situation would be monitored.
 - ii. Consideration was given to the purchase and installation of a new rubbish bin and the commitment of the bin being emptied (South Staffordshire Council will not take on the responsibility of emptying any additional bins that the Parish Council installs).

The Clerk advised that the workman had monitored the amount of litter on the field and had advised that if there were 3 to 4 items per month that is as much litter found on the field.

Councillor Holland thought it unfair for our workmen to use their own vehicles to collect rubbish, which may also contain dog faeces, and proposed that the Parish Council, once a week, for half a day, hires a small van that the workmen can use.

The bin request was deferred until a decision on the hire of a van is resolved.

7. **Finger Post at Oaken Track** – consideration was given to a two-finger oak post being purchased and erected pointing towards Oaken and Codsall.

Councillors resolved that the Clerk writes to the Right of Way Team to ask if they would install one.

8. **Proposed planters at Codsall Wood and Oaken-** Councillors Holland and Jenkinson gave an update on volunteers to water the proposed planters.

Councillor Holland advised that no one in Codsall Wood was willing to volunteer; Cllr Jenkinson volunteered to water the proposed planter at Oaken.

Cllr Jenkinson proposed the planter in Oaken to be placed by the Parish Council's noticeboard.

The meeting thought the Planter for Codsall Wood could be placed under the new Parish Map sign to be installed.

The Clerk to seek the Pubs permission.

Councillors thought that a plaque should be placed on the new planters to say that they were installed by the Parish Council. Cllr Jenkinson said we also should but a plaque on the replacement fencing at Oaken Field. The meeting agreed that a plaque designed as the Parish Council's coasters should ordered in black and white and placed on the replacement fence at Oaken and on the proposed planters when in situ.

9. **An update to the Singing Lady Project** was given by the Clerk:
The Clerk advised that the High School had completed the mural and that we were just waiting for the names of the students who had been involved before being sent for reproduction.

The Display Board has a 6-week lead time which would be ordered once the High School has provided the information requested, (names). The recently cleared boarder contains bind weed, therefore the area requires two further weed treatments and dissipation before planting can be undertaken.

The Open Spaces Committee had agreed at the last Committee Meeting, the design for the gardens provided by St Nicholas Church, which was copied out to committee members by the Clerk with full details of plant options and the committee were also advised that the surrounding area would be planted up to complement the design

provided by St Nicholas Church and the plants would be as low maintenance as possible. This was approved at that meeting.

The Clerk advised that the Business Plan meeting at their last meeting had requested a full design plan. The Clerk has now requested one from the contractor, there will, however, be a charge.

The Clerk advised that in consultation with the Chairman of the Parish Council the official opening will probably be week commencing the 18th September when the High School returns from the six-week summer break.

Cllrs agreed to provide items for a buffet to be arranged in the Parish Chambers, with all those who helped in the project being invited to attend.

10. Annual site visits were considered. The meeting agreed to August 9th at 7.00pm to meet at the Village Hall, then onto the Wheel Field, Lone Singer Gardens and Codsall House Field. Dates for the other site inspections to confirmed.

[8.50pm meeting closed]