

Open Spaces Sub Group Meeting

Minutes of the Open Spaces Sub Group meeting on Thursday 9th January 2020 at Vicars Cross Community Centre

PART ONE

1	<p>Present: Cllrs Peter Bulmer, Jo Evans, Sue Rigby, Keith Scargill and Frank Auty Apologies: Cllr Rick Nieto In attendance: Kath Lloyd, Clerk</p>
2	<p>Declarations of interest: None received</p>
3	<p>Minutes of last meeting and matters arising: the minutes of the meeting on 7th November 2019 were accepted as accurate and the Clerk reported that the Canals & River Trust have responded to the request from an allotment holder to cut back a large willow tree which sits on the canal bank. The tree cannot be removed but the Trust is happy for it to be trimmed back from the allotment side. RESOLVED: Clerk to contact allotment holder to agree next steps. Frank Auty is happy to help if needed.</p>
4	<p>Caldy Valley Planning: the application for Pocket Parks funding was submitted before the deadline of 31st Dec 2019 and a response is expected by the end of Feb. The Clerk is still waiting for a draft plan from Playforce which will assist in identifying priorities. RESOLVED: Clerk to co-ordinate a meeting with the Friends of group at start of Feb.</p>
5	<p>Planting: In the last 3 months, the council has planted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Daffodil bulbs on the A41 at the top of Pearl Lane - Daffodil bulbs around the community centre in Thackeray Drive - Daffodil bulbs along the footpath between Becketts Lane and Caldly Valley Rd <p>There has also been a litter pick in Shed Lane.</p> <p>RESOLVED: to plant trees from Woodland Trust at Vaughans Lane play area – Thursday 16th Jan. There will also be planting sessions at Dulverton Ave and Queens Rd field.</p>
6	<p>Play areas: the sub group received the annual report from Alan Dymond from Morrell Play, which were carried out in Sept 19, but not received by the Clerk until 27th Dec. The group also considered the routine monthly report from Malcolm Bate, Maintenance Officer. The group felt that some of the items on the annual reports were out of date or irrelevant eg. full litter bins or play equipment which has now been removed.</p> <p>RESOLVED: there were some items on the annual report for Thackeray Drive which caused some concern therefore the Clerk was asked to forward the report to CWaC Officer John Seilar, who designed and project managed the scheme for his comments.</p>
7	<p>Correspondence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A request has been received from a local resident who wishes to scatter her father's ashes at the base of a large tree at the allotments – her father was a long term allotment holder. RESOLVED: Cllrs were happy to give permission 2. The Clerk has received a request from a local yoga teacher to hold free yoga classes at Old Laundry Corner. RESOLVED: Cllrs were happy to give permission subject to teacher holding own insurance

8	Date and Time of next meeting: Thursday 6 th February 2020
9	Information exchange: None raised.